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JOINT RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE PRESERVATION AND PUBLICATION OF THE EARLY STATE AND PROVINCIAL RECORDS AND OTHER STATE PAPERS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court Convened

That His Excellency the Governor be hereby authorized and empowered, with the advice and consent of the Council, to employ some suitable person—and fix his compensation, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated—to collect, arrange, transcribe and superintend the publication of such portions of the early state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire as the Governor may deem proper; and that eight hundred copies of each volume of the same be printed by the state printer, and distributed as follows: namely one copy to each [city and town in the state, one copy to each of public libraries in the state as the Governor may designate] ¹ *public library in the state, and to each town in the state having no public library, which shall request the same, and to such publishers of newspapers requesting the same as keep such open to public use,* fifty copies to the New Hampshire Historical Society, and the remainder placed in the custody of the state librarian, who is hereby authorized to exchange the same for similar publications by other states.

¹The words enclosed in brackets were stricken out of the Joint Resolution of August 4, 1881 by the act of March 20, 1901, Session Laws, new series, vol. 7, part 2, chapter 71, sect. 3, p. 558.

²By the same act, the words in italics were inserted as a substitute for the words stricken out, as above stated.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

This writing witnesseth that I, John McLane, Governor, in accordance with the provisions of the "Joint Resolution relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the early provincial records and other State papers of New Hampshire," approved August 4, 1881, and by virtue of the authority thereof, do hereby authorize Albert S. Batchellor, as Editor of State Papers, and on behalf of the State, to arrange, transcribe and superintend the publication of the laws of New Hampshire enacted between the 21st day of July, 1774, the date of the assembling of the first Revolutionary Provincial Congress in this Province, and the date when the Revised Statutes of 1792 took effect, whether such acts and laws may have been enacted by the Revolutionary Conventions, the Legislative bodies successively organized under the Constitution of 1776, or the General Courts organized under the Constitution of 1784, within the period above limited. The material derived from the records, documents and imprints assignable to the period above mentioned shall be divided for the purpose of publication into volumes of convenient size. They shall contain, in collections as nearly complete as practicable, the acts, public and private, and the resolves, corresponding to those published at the present time in the Session Laws, so called, the first volume including declarations of right, constitutions, acts and resolves in chronological order from July 21, to the end of a period which will yield sufficient copy for one volume. Succeeding volumes, arranged in like manner, shall be prepared and published in chronological order for consecutive periods yielding sufficient material to the time when said revision of 1792 took effect. The acts and laws of the Provincial Assembly which held sessions in the early part of the period above limited are not to be included in the publications hereby authorized.

There shall be included in said work such explanatory notes, citations, tables of contents, indexes, introductory statements and supplemental papers to be made a part of the volumes as may be deemed useful and appropriate.

This I deem proper to be done, and these instructions are given in accordance with the authority vested in me, as Governor, by the provisions of the Joint Resolution relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the State and Provincial records and other State Papers of New Hampshire, approved August 4, 1881.

Given under my hand in triplicate at Concord, this 7th day of December, 1906.

JOHN McLANE
Governor

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO HENRY H. METCALF, ESQUIRE, GREETING :

KNOW YOU, That we, reposing especial trust and confidence in your Fidelity and Ability, have constituted and appointed you Editor and Compiler of Early Province and State Papers, Hereby giving and granting unto you, the said Henry H. Metcalf, all the power and authority given and granted by the Constitution and Laws of our State to an Editor and Compiler of said Papers, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAID OFFICE, With all the powers, privileges, and immunities to the same belonging, for the term of—years, from and after July 11, 1913, provided you are of good behavior during said term.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We have caused our seal to be hereunto affixed.

WITNESS, Samuel D. Felker, Governor of our State, at Concord, this 11th day of July, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty eighth.

By his Excellency the Governor, with advice of the Council.

EDWARD N. PEARSON, *Secretary of State.*

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

MERRIMACK SS.

July 14, 1913.

Then the said Henry H. Metcalf took and subscribed the Oath of Office as Editor and Compiler as prescribed by law.

Before us,

EDWARD N. PEARSON, } *Justices of the Peace.*
ARTHUR L. WILLIS, } *Quorum Unus.*

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

TO HENRY H. METCALF,
Editor of State Papers :

You are hereby authorized to arrange, transcribe, and superintend the publication of the laws of New Hampshire, public and private, in chronological order, from the period when the Constitution of 1792 took effect, till the time when the regular annual publication of the statutes commenced.

You will also cause such explanatory notes, citations, table of contents, and indexes as you may deem useful to be prepared and made a part of the work.

This I deem proper to be done, and directions are given in accordance with the authority vested in me as Governor by the provisions of the joint resolution relating to the preservation and publication of portions of the state and provincial records and other state papers of New Hampshire approved August 4, 1881.

Given under my hand at Concord this 18th day of December 1914.

SAMUEL D. FELKER
Governor

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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

For nearly two years, from May 28, 1774, till March 21, 1776, nothing in the form of statute law was enacted in New Hampshire. There was, in fact, no regularly constituted government during a considerable portion of this time, the royal governor, John Wentworth, having adjourned the Assembly and fled the province, after a protracted dead-lock between that body and himself. He had dissolved the Fifty-Fifth General Assembly on June 8, 1774, because of its failure to comply with his wishes, and especially because of its action in appointing a Committee of Correspondence, through which to keep in touch with the other Colonies, whose people were becoming thoroughly aroused against the tyranny of the mother country, or the government thereof. Another Assembly had been called, which met in Portsmouth on May 4, 1775, and organized with John Wentworth of Somersworth as Speaker and Meshech Weare of Hampton Falls as Clerk, but there was no improvement in the relations between the Governor and the Assembly over what had been the case during the sessions of the one previous. The Governor, as the representative of the crown, insisted upon the maintenance of its prerogatives, while the Assembly, chosen by and representing the people, was as thoroughly determined in its regard for their rights. The conflict between the two was brought to final issue over the action of the Assembly in excluding from membership three representatives chosen from certain towns in the County of Grafton upon the King's writ and without authorization of the Assembly.

This issue, it may be recalled, had arisen more than once before, and was at one time the occasion of a dead-lock in the government which continued for several years. The Assembly had never conceded the right of new towns to representation, except by virtue of its own action, previously taken, although there had been instances where those otherwise elected had been suffered to sit, the question of their right not having been raised. The Assembly refusing to reconsider its action excluding the representatives in question, adjournment from time to time was ordered by the Governor, the last being to September 28, but there was no session at that date and no farther meeting of this Assembly was held.

But, while the regular course of government in the province was interrupted by the break between the Governor and Assembly resulting from the controversy and threatened conflict between Great Britain and her American colonies, the people were alive to their own interests, and representatives, duly chosen from the several towns, had met in Convention or Congress to consider the situation and take such action as seemed expedient. Five Provincial Congresses, as they are generally known, were held between July, 1774, and December, 1775, all at Exeter. The proceedings of these Congresses, so far as obtainable from existing records, were published in Volume VII, N. H. Provincial Papers.

The first, which met July 21, 1774, was called through the action of the members of the Assembly, which, although dissolved by Gov. Wentworth, had been recalled by the Committee of Correspondence, its object being, primarily, the election of delegates to a General Congress of the Colonies, to be held in Philadelphia, the money to defray the expenses of such delegates to be contributed by the people of the several towns, and which was generally sent in to Exeter by their respective delegates to the Congress or Convention. Eighty-five delegates were in attendance, and John Wentworth of Somersworth, Speaker of the House in the last General Assembly, was chosen President. John Sullivan and Nathaniel Folsom were chosen delegates to the General Congress and John Wentworth, Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlett, Christopher Toppan and John Pickering were named as a committee to issue general instructions to the delegates, and empowered to name others in their places, if either or both the delegates chosen should be unable to attend.

The second Provincial Congress, of which John Wentworth was also President, met on January 25, 1775. It voted approval of the proceedings of the Continental Congress which had been in session in Philadelphia the previous autumn, and elected John Sullivan and John Langdon delegates to the next Continental Congress, to be held in Philadelphia on May 10, following. It also appointed a Committee to call another Congress or Convention, when it should be deemed expedient, named a Committee of Correspondence and issued an address to the people of the Province.

The third Congress met in Exeter on April 25, with 109 delegates in attendance. John Wentworth was again President. This

Congress was called because of the critical condition of affairs in the country, which was emphasized by the conflict at Lexington and Concord, Mass., but a few days previous to its assembling. Its sessions were closed, it having been voted that all transactions be kept secret.

At the fourth Congress, opening on May 17, of the same year, one hundred and thirty three delegates, or deputies, were present. Matthew Thornton was chosen President, and Ebenezer Thompson, Secretary. Among the first acts of this Congress, whose sessions were extended over a period of about six months, was the adoption of a resolution, in view of the evident purpose of the British government "to subjugate this and the other American Colonies to the most abject slavery," providing for the raising immediately of two thousand effective men in the province, including officers and those already in the service, their enlistment to continue until the last day of December, unless the Committee of Safety, appointed the same day, should judge it proper that a part or the whole be discharged sooner. This Committee, as originally named, consisted of Matthew Thornton, Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Nathaniel Folsom and Ebenezer Thomson, other members being soon after added. While its membership varied somewhat, through the choice made by successive legislatures, it was continued throughout the entire period of the Revolutionary War. This Committee cooperated with the Congress and the successive legislatures, in the direction of affairs relative to the common defence and the prosecution of the war, and was clothed with power to deal with all emergencies which might arise when the legislature was not in session. It was made up of men of sound judgment and devoted patriotism, in whom the people had the fullest confidence. The journal of its proceedings, during the entire period of its existence, is of great historic interest and value. It was printed substantially in full, in Volume VII of the Collections of the N. H. Historical Society, but as the same are not generally available, the edition being limited and long since exhausted, it is presented complete as an Appendix to this volume, thus bringing it within reach of the general public, by insuring its presence in the public libraries throughout the State.*

*The journal of the Committee of Safety opens with the date "May 19th 1775": but, as the records of the Provincial Congress, by which the Committee was appointed, show that it was appointed May 20, it is manifest that this date is erroneous, and that it was inadvertently used by the Clerk of the Committee in writing out the record which apparently was not commenced until some time after the Committee's appointment.—Ed.

The fifth and last Provincial Congress met at Exeter on the twenty first day of December, 1775. Matthew Thornton was again chosen President and Ebenezer Thompson Secretary. On December 28 it was voted to take up the matter of the establishment of a form of civil government to continue for a year, and a committee consisting of Matthew Thornton, Meshech Weare, Ebenezer Thompson, Wyseman Claggett and Benjamin Giles was appointed "to frame and bring in a Draft or Plan of a New Constitution for the rule and government of the Colony." The Committee at once set about the important task assigned, and having duly reported, on the 5th of January, 1776, the new constitution, or "form of Government," was adopted by the Congress, as shown by the following record :

In Congress at Exeter Jan^{ry} 5th 1776

Voted That this Congress Take up Civil Government for this Colony in manner & Form Following Viz^t—

We the Members of the Congress of New Hampshire Chosen and Appointed by the Free Suffrages of the People of Said Colony, and Authorized and Impowered by them to meet together, and use Such means and Pursue Such Measures as we Should Judge best for the Public Good; And in Particular to Establish Some Form of Government, Provided that Measure Should be recommended by the Continental Congress: And a Recommendation to that Purpose having been Transmitted to us From the Said Congress: Have taken into our Serious Consideration the Unhappy Circumstances, into which this Colony is Involved by means of many Grievous and Oppressive Acts of the British Parliament, Depriving us of our Natural & Constitutional rights & Priviledges; To Enforce Obedience to which Acts, A Powerfull Fleet and Army have been Sent into this Country, by the Ministry of Great Britain, who have Exercised a Wanton & Cruel Abuse of their Power, in Destroying the Lives & Properties of the Colonists in many Places with Fire & Sword; Taking the Ships & Lading from many of the Honest and Industrious Inhabitants of this Colony Employ'd in Commerce, Agreeable to the Laws & Customs a long time used here.

The Sudden & Abrupt Departure of his Excellency John Wentworth Esq^r our Late Governor, & several of the Council, Leaving us Destitute of Legislation, and no Executive Courts being open to Punish Criminal Offenders; whereby the Lives & Propertys of the Honest People of this Colony, are Liable to the Machinations & Evil Designs of wicked men; Therefore for the Preservation of Peace and good order, and for the Security of the Lives & Properties of the Inhabitants of this Colony, We Conceive ourselves

Reduced to the Necessity of Establishing A FORM OF GOVERNMENT to Continue During the Present Unhappy and Unnatural Contest with Great Britain; PROTESTING & DECLARING that we Never Sought to throw off our Dependence upon Great Britain, but felt ourselves happy under her Protection, while we Could Enjoy our Constitutional Rights & Priviledges— And that we Shall Rejoice if Such a reconciliation between us and our Parent State can be Effected as Shall be Approved by the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS in whose Prudence and Wisdom we Confide—

Accordingly Pursuant to the Trust reposed in us, WE DO RESOLVE That This Congress, Assume the Name, Power & Authority of a house of Representatives or Assembly for the *Colony of New Hampshire*. And that Said House then Proceed to Choose Twelve Persons, being Reputable Freeholders and Inhabitants within this Colony, in the Following manner viz, Five in the County of Rockingham, Two in the County of Strafford, Two in the County of Hillsborough, Two in the County of Cheshire, and One in the County of Grafton, to be a Distinct & Separate branch of the Legislature, by the Name of A COUNCIL for this Colony, to Continue as Such untill the third Wednesday in December next; any Seven of whom to be a Quorum to do Business. That Such Council Appoint their President; and in his Absence that the Senior Councillor Preside. That a Secretary be Appointed by both Branches, who may be a Counsellor or otherwise as they shall Choose.

That no Act or resolve Shall be Valid & put into Execution unless agreed to, and passed by both Branches of the Legislature

That all Publick Officers for the Said Colony, and Each County, for the Current Year, be Appointed by the Council & Assembly, Except the Several Clerks of the Executive Courts, who Shall be Appointed by the Justices of the respective Courts—

That all Bills Resolves or Votes for Raising Levying & Collecting money Originate in the House of Representatives

That at any Session of the Council and Assembly, Neither Branch Shall Adjourn for any Longer time than from Saturday till the Next Munday without Consent of the other.

And it is further Resolved, That if the Present unhappy Dispute with Great Britain Should Continue longer than this present year, & the Continental Congress give no Instruction or Direction to the Contrary, The Council be Chosen by the People of Each respective County in Such manner as the Council & house of Representatives Shall order—

That General & field officers of the Militia, on any Vacancy, be Appointed by the Two houses & all Inferior Officers be Chosen by the respective Companys.

That all officers of the Army be Appointed by the Two houses, Except they Should Direct otherwise in Case of any Emergency

That all Civil Officers for the Colony & for Each County be Appointed, & the time of their Continuance in Office be Determined by the Two houses, Except Clerks of Courts, & County Treasurers & recorders of Deeds

That a Treasurer and a recorder of Deeds for Each County be Annually Chosen by the People of Each County Respectively; The Votes for Such officers to be returned to the respective Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in the County, there to be Ascertained as the Council & Assembly shall hereafter direct.

That Precepts in the name of the Council & Assembly, Sign'd by the President of the Council & Speaker of the House of Representatives, Shall Issue Annually at or before the first day of November, for the Choice of A Council and house of Representatives to be returned by the third Wednesday in December then next Ensuing, in Such manner as the Council & Assembly Shall hereafter prescribe.

On the following day, Saturday, January 6, the House chose from its membership, in accordance with the provisions of the constitution adopted, twelve men to serve as councilors for the ensuing year, as follows: Meshech Weare, Matthew Thornton, William Whipple, Josiah Bartlett, Nathaniel Folsom, for the County of Rockingham: Thomas Westbrook Waldron, Ebenezer Thompson, for the County of Strafford; Wyseman Claggett, Jonathan Blanchard, for the County of Hillsborough; Samuel Ashley, Benjamin Giles, for the County of Cheshire and John Hurd for the County of Grafton. The House also elected Ebenezer Thompson Secretary for the Colony for the same time.

On Monday, following, January 8, the House elected Phillips White, Speaker, and Noah Emery, Clerk.

The members of the Council, immediately upon their withdrawal, had met and organized by the choice of Meshech Weare as President. To this position Mr. Weare was successively reelected every year, till 1784, and, by virtue thereof, was the chief executive officer of the colony, or state, (the latter name having been adopted September 11, 1776) during the entire period of the Revolutionary War and the continuance of the government under the first constitution.

Meshech Weare was, indeed, a commanding figure in New Hampshire history during what is known as the "Revolutionary period." As the official head of the colony and State, during all

this time, and as Chairman of the Committee of Safety, which position he held throughout, he was the most conspicuous man in civil life; and, by virtue of his position, was a dominant spirit in the direction of military affairs.

In constant communication, as he necessarily was, with the Continental Congress, and with Gen. Washington as Commander in Chief of the patriot forces, he came to be held in high regard, and as a man of sound judgment and wise discretion, whose advice, upon all important questions of policy, both civil and military, might well be sought and given careful consideration, and whose aid and cooperation in all measures designed to promote the common weal might safely be depended upon. Especial reliance upon his counsel and assistance was placed by the Commander-in-Chief, and the correspondence between the two was not only extensive, but of the most intimate and confidential nature.*

The two men whose names stand out most prominently in the civil history of the state during this early period, as do those of John Stark and John Sullivan in its military history, are those of Meshech Weare and of John Langdon who succeeded him as President in 1785, when, worn out in the public service, he retired, and, soon after passed to the rewards of the higher life.

A bronze statue of Gen. Stark, erected by the State, stands in the State House park in Concord, where one of Sullivan will, doubtless, ere long, also be placed. The portrait of Langdon with those of other early Governors, hangs on the wall in one of the corridors. No portrait of Meshech Weare is there to be found, nor is there any in existence, so far as is known. Upon a slightly eminence, in the town of Hampton Falls, near where he was born and where his ashes repose, the State has erected a marble monument to his memory, upon which is found the following inscription:

*Much of this correspondence is included in the so called "Weare Papers," recently discovered in Philadelphia, and now the subject of litigation between the State of New Hampshire and the party in whose possession they were found.—Ed.

HON. MESHECH WEARE.

Born in Hampton Falls

Jan. 16th, 1713,

Speaker of the House of Representatives 1752,

President of N. H., from 1776 to 1784,

at the same time Councilor for Rockingham,

Chairman of the Committee of Safety

President of the Council

and

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

In public service 45 years.

Died Jan. 14th, 1786.

Erected A. D. 1853,

by the State of New Hampshire

to perpetuate the memory of her illustrious son

whose early efforts, sage counsel, and persevering labors

contributed largely toward establishing his

country's independence, and shaping the future destiny of

his native state.

The State of New Hampshire cannot do too much to honor and perpetuate the memory of the men who were instrumental in establishing her independence, along with that of her sister colonies, and who laid the foundations of the civil government, under which her people have enjoyed the blessings of liberty and justice for nearly a century and a half. This volume, itself, is, in a sense, a monument to Meshech Weare, inasmuch as every legislative act, copied therein, became law upon his approval. Yet there should be placed somewhere in the State House, in appropriate position, some fitting memorial of the man, whose guiding hand, wise judgment and loyal heart directed the affairs of state through eight long fateful years in the most trying period of our history.

HENRY HARRISON METCALF.

January, 1916.

LAWS OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD

[FIRST GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Six Sessions, January 6, 1776, to December 13, 1776.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

PHILLIPS WHITE, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Matthew Thornton,	Londonderry.
William Whipple,	Portsmouth.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nathaniel Folsom,	Exeter.
Thomas Westbrook Waldron,	Dover.
Resigned January 16, 1776.	
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Appeared January 23, 1776.	
Ebenezer Thompson,	Durham.
Wyseman Claggett,	Litchfield.
Jonathan Blanchard,	Dunstable.
Samuel Ashley,	Winchester.
Benjamin Giles,	Newport.
John Hurd,	Haverhill.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Bow and }
 Dunbarton, }
 Brentwood,
 Candia,

Canterbury }
 and Loudon, }
 Chester,

Chichester, Epsom }
 and Allenstown, }
 Concord,
 Deerfield and }
 Northwood, }
 Epping,
 Exeter,

Greenland,
 Hampstead,
 Hampton,
 Hampton Falls }
 and Seabrook, }

Kensington,
 Kingston and }
 East Kingston, }
 Londonderry,

Newcastle,
 Newington,
 Newmarket,
 North Hampton,
 Nottingham,

Pelham,
 Pembroke,

Caleb Page.

Samuel Dudley.

Moses Baker.

Appeared March 6,
 1776.

Thomas Clough.

Stephen Morse.

Robert Wilson.

John McClary.

Timothy Walker, Jr.

Jeremiah Eastman.

Nehemiah Wheeler.

John Giddings.

Noah Emery.

Clement March.

John Calfe.

Josiah Moulton.

Meshech Weare.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.
 Ezekiel Worthen.

Samuel Philbrick.

Matthew Thornton.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.
 Moses Barnett.

Appeared March 6,
 1776.

John Bell.

Henry Prescott.

Richard Downing.

Thomas Tash.

Levi Dearborn.

Thomas Bartlett.

Appeared March 6,
 1776.

James Gibson.

David Gilman.

Plaistow and }
Atkinson, }
Portsmouth,

Samuel Kimball.
Samuel Cutts.
Samuel Sherburne.
Peirce Long.

Raymond and }
Poplin, }
Rye,
Salem,
Sandown and }
Hawke, }

John Dudley.
Nathan Goss.
Caleb Dustin.

Moses Colby.

Appeared June 5,
1776.

South Hampton }
and Newton, }
Stratham,
Windham,

Phillips White.
Benjamin Barker.
James Betton.

Strafford County.

Barrington,

Samuel Hayes.
James Marden.
Appeared June 5,
1776.

Dover,

Stephen Evans.
Otis Baker.

Durham,

Ebenezer Thompson.
Elected to the Council January 6, 1776.
John Smith, 3d.
Appeared March 6,
1776.

Gilmanton and }
Barnstead, }
Leavittstown, Wakefield }
and Middleton, }
Lee,
Moultonborough, }
Sandwich and }
Tamworth, }
Rochester,
Sanbornton }
and Meredith, }
Somersworth,

Joseph Badger.
Nathaniel Balch.
Hercules Mooney.

Daniel Beede.

James Knowles.
Ebenezer Smith.
Ichabod Rollins.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,

Moses Nichols.
Nahum Baldwin.

Boscawen and }
 Salisbury, }
 Derryfield and }
 Goffstown, }
 Dunstable,
 Henniker, Deering, }
 Hillsborough and }
 Society Land, }
 Hollis,
 Hopkinton,
 Litchfield and }
 Nottingham West, }

Mason and }
 Raby, }
 Merrimack }
 and Bedford, }

New Ipswich,
 Temple and }
 Peterborough, }
 Weare,
 Wilton, Lyndeborough, }
 Mile Strip and }
 Duxbury Farm, }

Cheshire County.

Charlestown,
 Claremont,

Cornish, Plainfield, }
 Protectworth and }
 Grantham, }
 Dublin and }
 Monadnock No. 5, }
 Keene,
 Marlow, Surry }
 and Alstead, }

Henry Gerrish.

Moses Kelley.

Jonathan Lovewell.

Joseph Simonds.

Stephen Ames.

Stephen Harriman.

Wyseman Claggett.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.
 Asa Davis.

Appeared March 6,
 1776.

Amos Dakin.

Jonathan Blanchard.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.
 Matthew Patten.
 Appeared March 6,
 1776.

William Shattuck.

Samuel Moore.

John Worth.

Jacob Abbott.

Elijah Grout.

Joseph Wait,
 Chosen colonel in
 Continental Army
 January 20, 1776.

Moses Chase.

Eliphalet Stone.

Timothy Ellis.

Nathaniel S. Prentice.

Hinsdale and }
 Chesterfield, }
 Packersfield, Limerick, }
 Camden and Gilsum, }

Archibald Robinson.

Robert Pollock.

Joseph Rounseval.
 Appeared June 5,
 1776.

Richmond,

Oliver Capron.
 Appeared June 5,
 1776.

Rindge, Jaffrey }
 and Peterborough Slip, }

Enoch^{*}Hale.

Appeared June 5,
 1776.

Unity, Acworth, }
 Lempster, Saville, }
 Croydon and }
 Newport, }

Benjamin Giles.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.

Walpole,
 Westmoreland,

John Bellows,
 Hebar Miller.
 Appeared March 6,
 1776.

Grafton County.

Apthorp, Lancaster, }
 Northumberland, }
 Stratford, Cockburne, }
 Colburne, Conway, }
 Shelburne and the }
 towns above, }
 Haverhill, Lyman, }
 Bath, Gunthwaite, }
 Landaff and }
 Morristown, }

Abijah Learned.

John Hurd.

Elected to the Coun-
 cil January 6, 1776.

Lyme, Orford, }
 Warren, Dorchester, }
 Wentworth and }
 Piermont, }
 New Chester, Plymouth, }
 Cockermouth and }
 Alexandria, }
 Rumney, Holderness, }
 Campton and }
 Thornton, }

Israel Morey.

Samuel Emerson.

Daniel Brainard.

[*First Session, Held at Exeter, January 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1776.*]

[No Acts.]

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, March 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1776.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF IDEOTS AND DISTRACTED PERSONS.

[Passed March 21, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 1; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 233. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 16; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 235. See act of May 15, 1714, Laws, 1771 ed., p. 36; also the act of Sept. 8, 1767 which was repealed by the King in Council May 26, 1769. See act of Feb. 9, 1791.]

Be it enacted by the Council and Assembly, And it is hereby enacted, that it shall be in the power of the Judge for the Probate of Wills and for granting Letters of Administration in each County within this Colony, from time to time (upon request made by the Relations or Friends of any Ideot, non Compos, Lunatic or distracted person, or the Overseers of the poor in such Town where the said Ideot or distracted Person lives, or is an Inhabitant) to direct the Select Men of such Town, to make Inquisition thereinto; And if the person, said to be an Ideot, or distracted, shall be so determined, by the Judge of probate in such County and Select Men of the Town (or major part of them) wherein such Ideot, or distracted person lives, then, and in that Case, the said Judge of probate shall assign, & appoint some suitable person or persons to be Guardian or Guardians of such Ideot, or non Compos directing & empowering such Guardian or Guardians, to take Care as well of the person, as Estates, both real and personal, of the said Ideot, or distracted person, and to make a true, and perfect Inventory of the said Estates, to be returned to, and filed in the Register's Office of the Court of Probate, within such County.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Judge for the probate of Wills, and granting Administrations in each County within this Colony be, and hereby is, fully authorized & empowered to call before him, and to require, and administer an Oath unto any person or persons, probably suspected of making any Concealment, Imbezzlement, or Conveying away, any of the Money, Goods, or Chattles of any such Ideot, non Compos, Lunatic, or distracted Person as well upon the Complaint of any Heir, Creditor, or other person having lawful Right, or Claim

to, or in, such Estate, as of the said Guardian or Guardians ; And in Case any such suspected Person was intrusted by the said Ideot, non Compos, Lunatic or distracted Person, or was otherwise conversant with or near unto him at the time of his Lunacy, or Distraction, or is in possession of the Estate, or any part of it, whereby to strengthen, and make the Suspicion more violent, and shall refuse to clear, and acquit him or herself upon Oath, it shall and may be lawful for the several Judges of Probate within this Colony, and They are accordingly impowered, and directed, to commit such Person or Persons so refusing to swear, unto the Goal of such County to which such Judge shall belong there to remain until he or she shall comply to discharge him, or herself upon Oath as aforesaid, or be released by Consent of the Guardian or Guardians, Heir, Creditor, or other Person having lawful right or Claim to or in such Estate as aforesaid—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Guardian or Guardians, appointed as aforesaid, shall improve frugally, & without Waste and Destruction ; the Estate of the Ideot, non Compos, Lunatic, or distracted Person, and apply the annual profits, and Incomes thereof, for the comfortable maintenance and Support of the said Ideot, Lunatic, non Compos, or distracted person, and also of his household or Family (if any such he have) and that the said Guardian, & Guardians, be and hereby are impowered to settle Accounts, receive, (and if need be) sue for and recover all such just Debts as shall be due to the said Ideots, distracted person or non Compos, from any person or persons whomsoever, and to manage, improve divide, or take Care of the Real Estate of such Ideot or person distracted, or non Compos, in as full and ample Manner, as the said persons could or might do, were they restored to their right Mind ; And also shall be subject to the payment of all such just Debts, owing by such persons which were Contracted before their Distraction, out of the personal Estate of such Ideot, person non Compos, or distracted, or in case that be not sufficient, then out of the real Estate, being first impowered to make Sale thereof, or of such part thereof as is sufficient for the End, by the Justices of the Superiour Court of Judicature, upon Application to them made therefor, who are hereby authorized, and empower'd to order the same ; And in Case the said distracted Persons shall come, or be restored to their right Mind, the residue of his or her Estate, both real & personal shall be delivered, and returned to them, or to their respective Heirs, Executors, or Administrators, in Case of their Death, as the Law directs, the Guardian or Guardians having first such a reasonable Allowance out of the same for their Charges, and trouble, as the Judge of Probate (having Cognizance of the same) shall order.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that the Guardian or Guardians, appointed as aforesaid, shall give Bond to the Judge of Probate for the time being, in such County where

such Idiot distracted person, or non Compos, shall reside, in a reasonable Sum with sufficient Sureties, for the faithful Discharge of the Trust, in them reposed, more especially, for the rendering a just, and true Account of their said Guardianship, when & so often as they shall be thereunto required : saving always the right of Appeal to the Council and Assembly, as a Supreme Court of Probate, from the Sentences and Decrees of any of the said Judges of Probate.

And it is hereby further Enacted, that the Guardians so appointed shall have full power to defend any Suit, Action or process, that is or shall be prosecuted, against any Lunatic, non Compos, or distracted person, and be pending at the time of the Appointment of such Guardian, that no Injury may be done to such Lunatic, non Compos, or distracted person or his Estate, nor any just & lawful Creditor defrauded, delayed or kept out of his just demand : And the Estate of such Lunatic, non Compos, or distracted person, shall on Execution, be liable to be taken to satisfy the final Judgement which shall be recovered in such Case, as it might if no such Disability had ever happened.

Provided nevertheless, That any Person being by profession a Quaker, shall be allowed to take his or her solemn Affirmation, instead of the Oath, when thereto required as aforesaid.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE INCREASE OF THE FISH CALL'D ALEWIVES IN GREAT COHASS BROOK IN DERRYFIELD.

[Passed March 23, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 2; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 236. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 27. See reviving act of April 6, 1781.]

Whereas it hath been found by Experience, that the said fish have been a great help to support the several Inhabitants near the said Brook But by reason of divers Mill Dams Erected on the said Brook, and of Nets having been placed at the mouth thereof, by persons for Selfish Ends, the said fish, have been so much impeded in their Passage, thro' said Brook, to Massabesec Pond, (where they were wont to spawn, and greatly increase) that they went off to places remote from the said Inhabitants to their very great Damage. In Order Therefore, to induce the said Fish to return and for their increase in future.

Be it Enacted by the Council & Assembly That from and after the passing of this Act, no Person shall be allowed to catch any Alewives in any part of said Great Cohass Brook nor in Merrimac

River (within Sixty Rods from the mouth of said Brook) by any ways or means whatsoever, untill the first day of May which will be in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy seven; And after that time, no Person shall use or set any Seine Scoop Net, fish pot, or Ware, in the said River Merrimac or in said Brook, within Sixty rods from the mouth of said Brook, nor make any Ware, or use any Seine, or fish Pot, in any part thereof, whereby to stop or catch the said Fish, on pain that Every person offending in any of the Particulars aforesaid shall forfeit, and pay for every Offence the Sum of Three pounds.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each & every Person owning or improving any Mill Dam on said brook, shall from the first day of May to the fifteenth day of June, in every year from and after the passing, and during the continuance of this Act, keep a Sluice open in each dam, to the End that the said Alewives, may pass, and repass, into, and from the said Massabesec Pond, without interruption And in failure thereof every Person being Owner or improver of such Dam or Dams as aforesaid shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the sum of Ten pounds.

And be it further Enacted that it shall and may be Lawful for the Inhabitants of said Town of Derrifield, annually to chuse a Committee consisting of three Persons, who shall be under Oath, to inspect and take care that the said Sluices be properly and duly opened and so kept during the time limited as aforesaid, on said Brook, And if any Owner or Improver of any Dam thereon shall neglect or refuse to open, or keep open such Sluice as afores^d (to the satisfaction of the said Committee) during the said limited time, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee to open the same And they are also impowered to destroy any Seine Scoop net Pot or Ware used contrary to this Act And in Case of being sued therefor may plead the General Issue, and give the special matter in Evidence, and shall recover double Costs

All penalties and forfeitures arising by Virtue of this Act may be recovered by Action Bill, plaint or Information, One half to the use of the Colony, the other half to the person informing, in any Court of Record within this Colony.

This Act to continue and be in force for the space of Three Years and no longer.

[*Third Session, Held at Exeter, June 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29; July 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 1776.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *Colony of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE COURT OF APPEALS IN THIS COLONY,
 & TO EMPOWER THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE TO
 SUSTAIN AND DETERMINE ALL MATTERS PENDING IN SAID
 COURT OF APPEALS, AND TO PREVENT THE ABSURD PRACTICE
 OF GRANTING APPEALS TO THE KING OF GREAT-BRITAIN IN
 COUNCIL, FROM THE JUDGMENTS OF ANY COURTS IN THIS
 COLONY, IN FUTURE.

[Passed June 28, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 3; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 238. Laws, 1780 ed, p. 18. See act of 1791, Laws 1792 ed., p. 63. Belknap, "History of New Hampshire," Farmer's ed, p. 222.]

Whereas the granting such a mutiplicity of Appeals from Court to Court and Trials consequent thereupon, as hath been heretofore practiced within this Colony, hath been found, to promote Litigation, to protract Suits & increase the Charges thereof, rather than to serve the Ends of Justice in this Colony—And whereas the Allowance of Appeals in any cases, to said Court of Appeals or to the King of Great-Britain, is depriving the People of this Colony of their great, inestimable and inherent Right of Trial by Jury and opening a Door for arbitrary Decisions of their Property, even in causes of the greatest moment. Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said Colony in General Court assembled, That, the said Court of Appeals heretofore held in this Colony shall be and hereby is totally abolished, and that no Appeal heretofore grantable by the Laws of this Colony to the said Court of Appeals or to the King of Great-Britain in Council, from the Judgment or Sentence of any Courts whatever, in this Colony shall be granted. And that all appeals from any Sentence of any Judge of Probate for any County in this Colony, which heretofore might by the Laws thereof be granted to said Court of Appeals, shall for the future be granted only to the Superior Court of Judicature next to be holden for the same County wherein the same Appeal may be granted. Which said Superior Court shall hear and finally determine all causes and matters as may be brought before them by Appeals from any Court of Probate within this Colony.

And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Appeals heretofore granted to and matters now pending in said Court of Appeals may and shall be sustained, heard and determined by the said Superior Court in the County where the Action or Appeal originated. All causes and matters now pending before said Court of Appeals, by Appeals from the Superior Court heretofore held in this Colony may be brought before the Superior Court of Judicature, established in this Colony, by Writ of Review any time within three years, from the passing this Act; And all Causes or Matters now pending in said Court of Appeals by Appeal from any Court of Probate in this Colony, may and shall be brought before the last mentioned Superior Court by entering the Appeal there any time within Two Years, in the same manner as if it had been first granted to that Court.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO REMOVE ANY DOUBTS THAT HAVE, OR MAY ARISE CONCERNING THE LEGALITY OF ANY TAXES GRANTED BY THE LATE CONGRESS FOR THIS COLONY: AND TO ENFORCE THE PAYMENT OF TAXES IN FUTURE.

[Passed June 28, 1776. Recorded acts, vol. 3, p. 303. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 8. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas Doubts have arisen about the Legality of the Taxes granted by the late Congress, or Congresses for this Colony; and about the legal Method of collecting & levying the same, and of other Taxes in future; to remove which, and to direct what legal Method shall be pursued for collecting & levying Taxes for the future.

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for this Colony in General Court Assembled That, all Taxes heretofore granted by any Congress for this Colony, shall be and hereby are declared good and legal: And That the several Constables, Collectors of Taxes in their Respective Towns and Parishes or the Treasurer of this Colony for the time being, are hereby Required & directed to take use & pursue the same Method for the collecting & levying of any such Taxes or any other Taxes that may be legally assessed in future, as the Laws of this Colony provide and direct for the collecting & levying of Taxes, within the same. Provided nevertheless that all Warrants or Processes for the collecting and levying any Taxes for the future shall be made to conform in Stile to the Law of this Colony directing what Stile shall

be used under the present form of Government thereof : And that all Warrants and Processes for the collecting or levying of Taxes that have been heretofore issued according to the form of Law used & Practiced in this Colony shall be good and valid notwithstanding any thing herein contained.—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *Colony of*
 { *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATING HIGHWAYS

[Passed June 29, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 4; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 240. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 11. Repealed Feb. 27, 1786.]

Be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for this Colony in General Court assembled—That, every Town and Parish invested with Town Privileges within this Colony, shall at their annual Meetings in the month of March or at any other legal Meeting, vote what Sum of money they shall think proper, for making, mending and repairing the several highways and Bridges in said Town or Parish for that year. And the Selectmen of said Towns, or Parishes are hereby ordered, to make an Assessment upon the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of their respective Towns or Parishes in the same manner as for the Colony Tax : And the said Towns and Parishes may at their said Meetings, make Choice of as many Surveyors of highways as they may think proper ; and the Selectmen shall within a Convenient time after the Choice of such Surveyors limit their several Districts, and give to each Surveyor a list of each person belonging to his District, & of their respective Proportions of the Sum voted to repair the highways as aforesaid. And the said Towns and Parishes may at the time of voting said money, affix the price of the several Sorts of Utensils and materials to be employed about said highways for that Year, as also the price of Labour ; and if they neglect it, the said Prices shall be set by the Selectmen. And the said Surveyors are directed to warn the several Inhabitants of their respective Districts, to work on said ways each Man according to his part or proportion of said Sum at the prices affixed. And every Surveyor shall give four Days Notice (which notice shall be personal, or left in writing at the party's last & usual place of Residence) to every person, he shall warn of the time Place and Tools when, where and with which such person shall attend ;—Except in cases of sudden Emergencies, as the repair of Bridges, and making Paths in deep Snows, which may require immediate Remedy ; in which Cases, it shall and may be lawful for the Surveyor to warn them or any of them to attend forthwith. And if any per-

son shall refuse, or neglect to work or send a sufficient hand (unless he shall make a reasonable excuse to said Surveyor within four Days after the time set for said Labour, in which case he shall be notified to work at some other time) the said Surveyor is hereby authorized and required to levy the Delinquent parts or Proportions of said money by Distress, in the same manner as the several constables and Collectors are enabled to do by the Law in collecting the Colony-Tax: And the said Surveyors are hereby directed to settle Accounts with, and pay the Balance, if any there be, in their hands, to the Selectmen or Town-Treasurer, agreeable to the Warrants, or Directions given them for that purpose: And if any of the Surveyors refuse or neglect their Duty herein, the said Selectmen, or Treasurer, are hereby authorized to proceed with such Surveyors in the same way & manner as they are by Law authorized to proceed with Constables, or Collectors, who are delinquent in collecting and paying the Taxes committed to them to collect.—And whereas it may happen that by Some unforeseen Accident, as the Decay of Bridges, or their being carried off by freshets, the sum allotted to any particular District may prove insufficient.

• Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That in all such cases, the Selectmen may order the Surveyor, or Surveyors of any other district, or districts, with such persons in his or their list, as have not worked out or satisfied their respective Rates, to work where such Accident shall happen. And whereas a very unjustifiable practice hath prevailed in many Places, of persons when at work, on the highways, offering Liquors to Travellers, and demanding money of them: For prevention whereof,

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons working, on the highways, that shall offer or cause to be offered, any Liquor to any Traveller, or other person or persons whatsoever, and receive, or cause to be received, any money of such person to whom liquor shall be offered as aforesaid, shall be liable to the penalties inflicted by Law on persons selling spirituous liquors without License; and the Surveyors of highways are hereby required to inform of all Breaches of this Act.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *Colony of* }
 { *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING
 RATES & TAXES, AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL
 VOTERS IN TOWN & PARISH Affairs—

[Passed July 2, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 5; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 244. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 6. See additional acts of Nov. 29, 1777, May 23, 1778, Dec. 26, 1778, and March 16, 1780. Repealed June 12, 1784.]

Whereas it is necessary there should be an equitable Rule established by Law for making Rates and Taxes, within this Colony, so that every Person may be compelled to pay in proportion to his Income, and also for ascertaining who are legal Voters in Town and Parish Meetings.—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, that henceforward all publick Rates and Taxes, shall be made and assessed in proportion to the amount of each Person's Poll, Ratable Estate and faculty, which shall be estimated as follows Viz^t All male Polls from eighteen Years old and upwards shall be estimated at Twelve shillings each, All male Slaves from sixteen, to forty five Years old, at Ten shillings each. All female Slaves from sixteen Years Old to forty five, five shillings each. Horses and Oxen four Years old and upwards, Three shillings each. Cows four Years Old and upwards, Two shillings each. Cattle and Horses three Years old, one shilling and six pence each. Cattle and Horses two Years old, one shilling each. Cattle and Horses one Year old, six pence each. (no Cattle or Horses to be accounted one year old untill they have been wintered two Winters). All improved Lands to be estimated as follows Viz^t Orchards one shilling and six pence ^{per} Acre, accounting so much for an Acre as will produce Ten barrells of Cyder or Perry. Arable Land one shilling per Acre accounting so much Land as will generally produce Twenty five Bushels of Grain per Year to be one Acre, mowing Land at one shilling per Acre accounting so much Land for one Acre as will produce one Year with another one Tun of Hay; Pasture Land at five pence per Acre, accounting so much Land as will summer a Cow, to be four Acres. All Mills, wharffs & Ferries shall be estimated at one Twelfth part of their neat Yearly income. All Stock whether it be Money in hand, or at Interest, more than the Owner gives Interest for, and all Money improved in Trade shall be estimated at the half of one per Cent. And any Person's faculty, may be estimated by the Selectmen and Assessors of each Town and Parish, within this Colony at their Discretion not exceeding Ten

Pounds ratable Estate.—Saving a Right of Appeal to any Person grieved by such estimation. And no Colony, Town or Parish Tax Shall be held legal, but such as shall be made according to the foregoing proportion. Excepting and Reserving to every Town or Parish, in this Colony the Liberty at their annual Meetings to Rate all Houses, Warehouses and other Buildings at discretion, so as that they are not estimated at more than the Twelfth part of their neat yearly Income—

And the Selectmen of each Town and Parish within this Colony, in the month of april annually shall take an Invoice of each Person's Poll and Estate in manner aforementioned. And in case any person shall remove to another Town or Parish after the Invoice is taken he shall pay his Tax for that Year where his Invoice was first taken. And if any person or persons not belonging to this Colony shall come to reside or inhabit in any Town or Parish within the same, for the Benefit of Trading altho' for a less Time than one Year, such Person or persons shall and may be Assessed one Year's Rates for his or their Polls and such Stock, as he or they may bring or have in Trade at the Time of making his or their Rates, whether on their Own Account or on Commissions.

And every person having Eighteen Shillings ratable Estate including his Poll and every Freeholder shall be deemed a legal Voter in all Affairs of the Town or Parish where he dwells; And if any person or persons in any of the Towns or Parishes in this Colony, shall refuse to render an Account on Oath (if required, which Oath any Selectman may Administer) of his or their Ratable Estate, the Selectmen or the major part of them may set down to such Person or Persons as much as they shall judge equitable by way of Doomage, and make their Rates or Taxes accordingly. From which doomage there shall be no Appeal, unless such person or persons are unable to exhibit such Account and are ready to make Oath that is really the Case—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Inhabitants of Portsmouth in this Colony, shall exhibit to the Selectmen thereof annually, at such Time and Place, as they shall appoint, within the Term aforesaid, Each one a just and true Account of his Poll and ratable Estate according to this Act And the several Parishes in the said Town of Portsmouth shall have Liberty at their parish meetings to raise their ministerial and their Parochial Taxes in any manner they shall judge proper. And the Selectmen and Church Wardens of the Several Towns and Parishes within this Colony shall have Liberty to make such abatements of any Persons Rates, as shall or may appear to them to be equitable and just—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Selectmen of the several Towns & Parishes in this Colony, in taking their respective Invoices of Polls and Estates for the current Year, shall take them according to what ratable Estate the

respective rateable Inhabitants were possessed of in the Month of April last past—And in future shall take the said Invoices according to what Rateable Estate the said Inhabitants shall have, or be possessed of on the first day of April annually.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *Colony of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INVEST THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR WITH POWER MORE EFFECTUALLY TO EMPLOY THEM, AND TO PROVIDE FOR BRINGING UP THEIR CHILDREN MORE USEFULLY.—

[Passed July 2, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 6; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 242. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 10; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 172. See act of Jan. 17, 1776. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas there are many poor people who spend their time idly, and neglect to provide for themselves and those who depend upon them for Subsistence by any lawful means, and neglect the care & education of their Children, but suffer them to spend their time in play, idleness and a total neglect of those means by which they might be made useful members of society, notwithstanding the advantages for their improvement; by which neglect the number of Beggars as well as thieves and strollers, are increased and many disorders committed—For remedy whereof,—

Be it Enacted by the Council and Assembly—That the Select-men or overseers of the poor, where such are annually chosen in any Town or parish in this Colony, or the major part of them, be and hereby are empower'd with the Assent of two Justices of the Peace for the County to set to work and employ all such persons, though of full age, married or unmarried, of whatever age they may be, if able of body to work, or perform the service to be so appointed them, who live idly, and use or exercise no ordinary and daily lawful trade or business, by which they might get an honest livelihood and subsistance.—And no single person of either sex under the age of twenty one years, shall be suffered to live at their own hand, or as they please, but under some orderly family government—

And be it further Enacted, that the Select men or overseers of the poor aforesaid, or the major part of them, are hereby empower'd from time to time, by and with the assent of two Justices of the peace, to set to work or bind out apprentice, as they shall think best for the good of those concern'd, or are the subjects thereof, all such children whose parents shall by the Select men or overseers of the poor, or major part of them, be thought unable to maintain them (whether they receive alms or are chargeable to

the Town or parish or not) male Children, till they come to the age of twenty one years, and females till they come to the age of eighteen years, which shall be as good and effectual in law to all intents and purposes as any way and method of binding out apprentices whatsoever; and the said overseers are hereby ordered to make their contract and indentures for placing out such Apprentices equitably, and for the benefit of such Children; at least that the Males be instructed to read and write, and the females to read, and to do such work and business as may be suitable to their circumstances and condition, so far as they may be respectively capable.

And the Select men or overseers of the poor shall inquire into the usage of Children bound out by themselves or their predecessors in said Office, and endeavour to defend them from wrongs or injuries.—

Provided always, that the said Select-men or overseers shall before they bind out any such Children not supported by the town or parish where such children belong, give their parents notice if in the County and direct them to bind out their Children when of an age suitable, and allow them a reasonable time for that purpose: which if they neglect to do, or place them with persons of bad characters, which may probably be prejudicial rather than to the advantage of the Children, the said officers may then proceed to bind them out as aforesaid.—

And it is hereby further Enacted, that when any person of full age, shall be so set to work, as aforesaid, if the said officers shall hire or place out any such person, they shall make their contract and agreement in Writing expressing the term which they are to serve, which shall not exceed one year at a time, but may be renew'd or made for a shorter time, as there shall be occasion; and the Wages or earnings of the person so hired and placed out, shall be by the Select men & Overseers, applied to his, or her support & maintenance, and of their families respectively so far as such earnings will go.—

And the person or persons with whom such poor, or idle, or negligent persons shall be placed, shall have the same legal authority over them as Masters of apprentices have over them during their Apprenticeship.—

And the said Officers are hereby directed to give notice to such persons before they bind or place them out as aforesaid; and if they shall neglect usefully to employ themselves, after allowing them a reasonable time the said Officers may proceed as aforesaid.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *Colony of* }
 { *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING THE STILE OF COMMISSIONS WHICH SHALL HEREAFTER BE ISSUED, AND FOR ALTERING THE STILE OF WRITS, PROCESSES, AND ALL LAW PROCEEDINGS WITHIN THIS COLONY; AND FOR DIRECTING HOW RECOGNIZANCES TO THE USE OF THIS COLONY SHALL IN FUTURE BE TAKEN & PROSECUTED.

[Passed July 2, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 7; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 250. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 4. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the hostile & Vindictive proceedings of the British Administration against the United Colonies have Obtained the Sanction of the King of Great-Britain, Notwithstanding the frequent & dutifull Remonstrances of these Colonies, against Such Cruel Measures; and by his Command a powerfull Navy and Army are come & Coming with avowed Purposes of Spreading Slaughter and Desolation through this Continent, by which the Good People of this Colony have been Necessitated to have Recourse to Arms to Repel Such force & to protect their Lives & fortunes; And whereas under such Circumstances, the Absurdity of Issuing Commissions, Writs, Processes, or other Proceedings in Law, and in Courts of Justice within this Colony, in the Name & Stile of the King of Great-Britian is very Apparent, and Tends to keep up Ideas inconsistent with the Form, and Safety of this Government and to give the People of this Colony great Uneasiness.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the Same, That all civil Commissions, Writs and Precepts, for Convening the General Court or Assembly which hereafter Shall be made out in this Colony, shall be in the Stile and Name of the Government and People of the Colony of New Hampshire: And all Commissions both Civil & Military shall be dated in the Year of the Christian Era, and shall not bear the Date of the Year of the Reign of any King or Queen of Great-Britain.

And that all Writs, Processes & Proceedings in Law, and in any of the Courts of Justice in this Colony, which have been used or Accustomed, or by any Laws of this Colony, are Required to be issued, used or practiced in Law, and in any of the Courts of Justice in this Colony, in the Name & Stile of the King of Great-Britian, France and Ireland, Defender of the faith &c or in any other Words implying or intending the same, shall from and after the passing this Act, be made, Issued used and practiced in

the Name and Stile of the Government and People of the Colony of New Hampshire, and no Other, and shall bear the Date of the Year of the Christian Era, and shall not bear the date of the Year of the Reign of any King or Queen of Great-Britian, untill some Accomodation of the American Congress, or Act, order or Resolve of a General American Legislature, or of the Legislature of this Colony, shall be made and passed, otherwise directing and Prescribing.

And be it Enacted, That all Commissions, Civil and Military, which have been Issued by the Congress or General Assembly of this Colony before the passing of this Act, shall have the same Force & Effect as if this Act had never been made, the Stile and Date therein Notwithstanding.—

And be it further Enacted, That all Recognizances that heretofore have been used and Accustomed to be taken to the King of Great-Britian, by the Stile & Title of our Sovereign Lord the King, shall from and after the Date hereof be taken to the Government and People of the Colony of New Hampshire, and when Scire facias, or other legal process shall be Issued thereon against the Recognizor, or Recognizers, they shall be in the Name and Behalfe of the said Government and People; and when Judgment shall be Rendered thereon, the Money Recovered and Levied shall be paid into the Treasury of this Colony, for the use of the same.

And Be it further Enacted, That all suits upon Recognizaues which have been taken heretofore, within this Colony to the King of Great-Britain, or otherwise under any Name, Character, or form of Words whatsoever, that have been, or that may be hereafter forfeited (if any Suits should be brought thereon) shall from and after the passing of this Act, be commenced and prosecuted in the Name and behalfe of the Government and People of the Colony of New Hampshire, and not in the Name of the said King,—And the money Recovered and Levied on Such Suits, shall Be Likewise paid into the Treasury of this Colony for the use and benefit of the said People.—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *Colony of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IMPOWERING SUNDRY COMMITTEES TO CAUSE SLUICES TO BE MADE, IN ALL DAMS, MADE ACROSS SUCH PART OF BEAVER BROOK AS IS IN THE COLONY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, AT CERTAIN TIMES IN THE YEAR SO THAT SHADS, AND ALEWIVES MAY HAVE A FREE PASSAGE UP THE SAME, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS CONTIGUOUS THERETO.

[Passed July 3, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 8; recorded Acts vol. 3, p. 248. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 29.]

Whereas upon the first Settlement of the several Towns of Loudonderry, Windham and Pelham very many Alewives and some Shads passed annually from Merrimack River up Beaver Brook aforesaid, and were of very great Advantage to the poor Inhabitants & others of said Towns; and in all probability the said Fish would have continued to frequent the said Brook in like Quantity as formerly, But that diverse persons, preferring private Interest, to the benefit of Community have built several Dams across the said Brook, which Dams have intirely obstructed the said Fish in their passage as aforesaid, To the great Detriment of the said Inhabitants. For remedy whereof in future.

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened That from and after the passing of this Act Each and every Person, owning, or improving any Dam upon Beaver Brook aforesaid (being in the Colony aforesaid) shall from the first day of May to the fifteenth day of June in every Year during the Continuance of this act, keep a Sluice open in such Dam by such Person owned or improved as aforesaid, To the End that the Alewives, Shad & other Fish, may have a free and uninterrupted Course and passage out of Merrimac River aforesaid, into the aforesaid Brook & through the Same into the Pond for the benefit of the said Inhabitants. And in failure thereof, every Person, being Owner or Improver of such dam or Dams as aforesaid, shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Three pounds.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall and may be lawful for the Inhabitants of each of the said Towns of Loudonderry, Windham and Pelham annually to make Choice of a Committee consisting of three persons, who shall be under Oath, to inspect and take Care, that the said Sluices, be properly and duly opened, agreeable to this Act, and so kept during the time thereby limited as aforesaid. And if any Owner or

Improver of any such Dam on said brook shall neglect or refuse to open, or keep open such Sluice or Sluices as aforesaid (to the Satisfaction of the said several Committees) during the said limited time, then it shall and may be lawful for the said Committees any or either of them, to open the same, and to cause them to be so kept, during the said time limited. And in Case of being sued therefor, may plead the General Issue, and give the special Matter in Evidence, and shall recover double Costs. And all Penalties and Forfeitures arising by Virtue of this Act may be recovered by Action, Bill, or plaint, One half to the use of the Colony, the other half to the person informing, in any Court of Record within this Colony.

This Act to continue, and be in force for the space of Five Years, and no longer.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE FORGEING & ALTERING BILLS OF PUBLICK CREDIT, AND FOR PREVENTING THE DEPRECIATION THEREOF; AND FOR MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AND THE BILLS OF THIS COLONY A TENDER IN ALL PAYMENTS.—

[Passed July 3, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 9; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 252. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 13. See additional act of April 8, 1777, and act of Nov. 27, 1777.]

Whereas by Reason of the unjustifiable Attacks committed against the united Colonies of America, by the Troops of Great-Britain, and the Difficulty of Collecting Money, Plate and Bullion to support the Charges of their Necessary defence; the Congress of said Colonies has thought fit, for the carrying on the publick affairs, & answering the present Demands, of Soldiers & Seamen, Employed by them, to order the Imprinting & Signing a Certain Number of Bills of Publick Credit of Several Sums, by Commissioners thereunto duly appointed & Authorized—And whereas the Congress, & General Assembly of this Colony, have also, for the payment of Seamen and Soldiers Employed in defence of the Same, ordered that a Certain Number of Notes & Bills of Credit of Several Sums should be imprinted, and Signed by Commissioners thereunto duly Authorized & Appointed—And whereas several of the united Colonies have by their Governments severally ordered the Imprinting & Signing a Certain Number of Bills of Publick Credit for answering the Demands of Soldiers & Seamen by them

severally Employed for their Necessary Defence ; all which Bills have Obtained a good Currency, and have very much facilitated the carrying on the present War : Nevertheless some Wicked persons, intending to Defraud the Inhabitants of the Colonies aforesaid, and for the sake of base & unlawfull Gain, have forged, altered & uttered Several Counterfeit Notes and Bills of the Same in Imitation of the true Notes & Bills of this Colony thereby imposing a Vile Cheat on unwary and less discerning Persons.—

For the prevention of which evils in future—Be it Enacted by the Councill & house of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the Same, That whosoever shall presume to forge or Counterfeit any Note or Notes, Bill or Bills of the Tenor, or in Imitation of the Bills of Credit of the united Colonies, Established by any Resolve of the American Congress, or the Convention, Congress or Government of this, or any of the united Colonies of America, heretofore Emitted, or that may hereafter be Emitted, or that shall utter any Such Counterfeit and forged Notes or Bills, knowing them to be Such, or that shall Counsel advise, Assist in, or procure the forging, Counterfeiting, imprinting or Signing of any Such false Notes or Bills, or Engrave any plate, or make any Instrument to be used in forging & Counterfeiting such Notes or Bills, every Person so Offending, and being thereof convicted before the Superior Court of Judicature, Court of Assize & General Goal Delivery for Said Colony, shall be punished by being set on the Gallows for the Space of one hour, with a Rope round the Neck & pay a fine for the use of this Colony not Exceeding Fifty pounds and Suffer Six Months Imprisonment, and be publickly whipped not Exceeding thirty Nine Stripes and be Incapable of holding any Office under the Government of this Colony, or Shall Suffer all or any of the foregoing Punishments in the Discretion of the Court before whom the Trial shall be, According to the Nature & Circumstances of the Offence ; and Shall pay to the person or persons that shall be defrauded by Such forgery, Treble Damages : and if such Offender, or Offenders shall not be able pay the Charges of his or their Imprisonment, the Court before whom the Conviction is shall order that at the Expiration of said term of Imprisonment, Such person or persons shall be Sold in Service a time Sufficient to pay the same.—

And it is also Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whosoever shall make discovery, and give Information of Such Vile and wicked practice of making or knowingly putting off any false & Counterfeit Note, or Bill as aforesaid so that the person or persons guilty thereof, may be rendered to Justice & Convicted, every Such Informer shall have & receive as a Reward for his good Services, on Every Such Conviction, the Sum of Ten pounds to be ordered out of the publick Treasury of this Colony by the President of the Council for the time being, on a Certificate from the

Court before whom the Conviction Shall be, that Such person did inform of Such Offence According to this Act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that every person convicted of Altering or Increasing the Sum, or Figures set & Expressed in the Notes or Bills of Credit of the Said united Colonies, or Either of them, or of forging or Counterfeiting any hand, Name, or Stamps, or other private Mark, that shall be or has been made, or Set thereon, shall be for Either of Said Offences, punished in the same manner as is provided by this Act against those who shall forge or Counterfeit such Notes or Bills.—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall directly or Indirectly receive or pay any of the Bills aforesaid for a Less Sum than is in them Expressed, Such person shall be incapable ever after of holding any Civil or Military Office in this Colony, and for every Such Offence pay a fine of Fifty Pounds, to be Recovered before any Court of Record in the County where the same Offence may be Committed, by Bill, Plaint, or Indictment; One Moiety whereof shall be to the Use of the person who shall sue or Inform for the same, and the other Moiety to the use of this Colony.—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall set, or offer his, her or their Goods, Wares, or Merchandize, at a smaller or less price in Gold or Silver, than what they are by him, her, or them, set at in the Paper Currency of the united Colonies, or Either of them, he she or they shall pay a fine of Fifty Pounds; one Moiety thereof to the use of the person who shall sue for & Recover the Same, and the other Moiety to the use of the Town where the Offence is Committed.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Bills of Credit of the united Colonies, that are or Shall be Established by the American Congress, and the Bills of this Government that are or Shall be Emitted, shall be Received in all Payments within this Colony & a Tender of the same may be pleaded in Bar to any Action brought for the recovery of any Money or Species of Money due by Deed or Simple Contract, or in any way & manner whatever. And all Justices, Sheriffs, Grand Jurors & Tythingmen, are hereby Strictly Commanded to bring to Justice, all persons Offending against this act, or any part of it.—

[CHAPTER 9]

{ *Colony of*
New Hampshire }

AN ACT FOR OPENING SLUICES IN EACH DAM, ACROSS PISCATAQUOG RIVER, SO THAT SALMON AND OTHER FISH MAY HAVE A FREE PASSAGE INTO, AND THRO' THE SAME FROM MERRIMAC RIVER.

[Passed July 3, 1776, Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 10; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 247. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 28.]

Whereas Piscataquog River did formerly abound with Salmon, Trouts, and other Fish, passing thereinto, from Merrimack River, to the great Benefit of the Inhabitants of Goffe's town in the County of Hillsborough, and of other places lying contiguous to the same River, And Whereas of late Years, many persons have built Dams across the said River, for their own Convenience some near the mouth thereof, and others higher up the Stream, so that the said Fish are intirely hinderd in their Course up the same River And the said Inhabitants and others are greatly injured thereby. For Remedy whereof

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the same. That Each and every Person, having Erected, or owning or improving any Dam whatsoever, across any part of the said Piscataquog River within the Colony aforesaid shall from the Twentieth day of May to the Twentieth day of July—in every Year from and after the passing, and during the Continuance of this Act keep a Sluice open in each Dam, To the End that the said Fish may have a free and unmolested Course through the said Rivers; And in failure thereof every Person (being Owner or improver of such Dam or Dams as aforesaid) shall forfeit and pay for every Offence the Sum of Three pounds.

And be it further Enacted that it shall & may be Lawful for the Inhabitants of Goffe's town aforesaid, annually to make Choice of a Committee consisting of three persons, who shall be under Oath, to inspect and take Care that the said Sluices be properly and duly opened, and so kept, during the time limited as aforesaid, on said River Piscataquog.

And if any Owner or improver of any Dam thereon shall neglect or refuse, to open, or keep open such Sluice as aforesaid (to the satisfaction of the said committees) during the said time limited—then it shall and may be Lawful for the said Committee to open the same, And in Case of being sued therefor may plead the General Issue, and give the special matter in Evidence, and shall

recover double Costs. All Penalties and forfeitures arising by this Act may be recovered by Action, Bill or plaint, One half to the use of the Colony, the other half to the person informing, in any Court of Record, within this Colony.

This Act to continue and be in force for the Space of Five years, and no longer.

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR ENCOURAGING THE FIXING OUT OF ARMED VESSELS, TO DEFEND THE SEA COAST OF AMERICA, AND TO CRUIZE, ON THE ENEMIES OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AS ALSO FOR ERECTING A COURT, TO TRY AND CONDEMN, ALL SHIPS, & OTHER VESSELS, THEIR TACKLE APPAREL, AND FURNITURE, AND ALL GOODS, WARES AND MERCHANTIZES, BELONGING TO ANY INHABITANT OR INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN, TAKEN ON THE HIGH SEAS.

[Passed July 3, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 11; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 255. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 19. One clause of this act was repealed by the act of Nov. 27, 1777, id. 1780 ed., p. 100. See the act about embargo, March 25, 1758; also acts of 1777 and 1787.]

. Whereas it has been expressly Resolved by the Grand Congress of America "That each Colony at their own expense, make such provision by armed Vessels, or otherwise, as their respective Assemblies, Conventions, or Committees of Safety shall judge expedient, & suitable to their Circumstances and Situations, for the protection of their Harbours and Navigation, on the Sea Coast, against all unlawful Invasions, attacks, and depredations from Cutters and Ships of War" And Also That it sho^d be lawful for the Inhabitants of the united Colonies, to fit out armed Vessels, to Cruze on the Enemies thereof, & that all Ships and other Vessels, their Tackle Apparel and Furniture, and all Goods Wares & Merchantizes, belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Great Britain, taken on the High Seas, or between high Water, and low Water mark, sho^d be deemed, and adjudged a lawful prize, (Excepting such Vessels, as may be taken, in bringing any Setlers Arms, Ammunition or warlike Stores, to & for the use of the united Colonies, or any of the Inhabitants thereof who are Friends, to the American Cause, & warlike Stores, and Effects, of such setlers.

Therefore for the more effectually carrying into Execution the purposes aforesaid

Be it Enacted by the Council, and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled That all armed, and other Vessels,

that have at any time since the nineteenth day of April One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy five, been engaged in making unlawful Invasions, attacks or depredations on the Sea Coast of America, or the Navigation thereof, or used in supplying the Fleet, or Army, which have been, or shall at any time be employed, against the United Colonies or Employed by the Enemy in any respect, whatsoever; and those Vessels, which have been carrying supplies of any kind to the Enemy, or whose Masters or Super Cargoes, shall have designs of carrying Supplies of any kind to the Enemy, or that shall be returning from the Enemy after having carried such Supplies, & shall be found hereafter on the high Seas, & shall be brought into the harbour of Piscataqua, or any place within this Colony, or found within the same, & be Convicted of any of the Offences afores^d, such Vessel or Vessels, with their appurtenances & Cargoes, shall be deemed forfeited, & shall be condemned and disposed of as by this Act is hereafter ordered & directed. And in pursuance of a Resolve of the American Congress, Be it further Enacted That all Ships, and other Vessels, their Tackle, Apparel & Furniture, and all Goods, wares & Merchandizes belonging to any Inhabitant, or Inhabitants of Great Britain, taken, on the high Seas, or between high Water, and low Water Mark, & being brought into or lying within the Colony aforesaid since the date aforesaid shall be deemed and adjudged, Lawful Prize, And the Judge of the Court Maritime hereinafter mentioned, shall be and is hereby empowered to proceed upon, try, adjudge, and Condemn, all such Vessels with their Cargoes, and appurtenances, and all such British Merchandizes, & property as shall be taken as aforesaid—And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Council of this Colony, or the Major part of them shall be fully empowered to Commission with Letters of Marque and Reprisal, any person or persons within this Colony, who shall at his or their own, or at the Colonies Expence, fit out, and equip, for the defence of America, any Vessel, As Also any person who shall by the Owner of such Vessel, be recommended therefor; And that all such persons so Commissioned as aforesaid shall have full power with such other persons, as they shall engage to their Assistance, to Sail on the Seas, attack take, and bring into Port in this Colony, all Vessels offending or employed by, or being the property of the Enemy as aforesaid; And also to retake & bring in as aforesaid, any Vessel or Vessels, that may be taken from any person or persons by said Enemy—Provided always, And be it further Enacted that the Master or Owner of such Vessel shall, at the time he receives such Commission, enter into Bond with One sufficient Surety at least for the faithful discharge of his Office, and observing the Law of this Colony relating to Armed Vessels, which Bond shall be in the Form following Viz^t Know All Men by these Presents That We: A:B-and C: D. are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto E: F.

Treasurer and Receiver General of the Colony aforesaid in the full & just Sum of Five Thousand pounds to be paid unto the said Treasurer and Receiver General or to his Successors in said Office. To the true payment whereof, We bind Ourselves Our Heirs Executors & Administrators jointly & severally firmly by these presents Sealed with Our Seals the day of
Anno Domini 17 .

The Condition of the aforewritten Obligation is such That Whereas the said A : B. hath on the day of the date hereof received a Commission to Command an Armed Vessell called Burthen about Tons, to make Reprisal of all Armed and other Vessels, which shall be found infesting the Sea Coast or upon the high Seas, or between high and low Water mark, such Vessels being the property of or belonging to any Inhabitant or Inhabitants of Great Britain (Excepting such Vessels, as may be taken in bringing any Settlers, Arms, Ammunition, or Warlike Stores, to & for the use of the United Colonies, or any of the Inhabitants thereof, who are friends to the American Cause, and Warlike Stores, and Effects of such Settlers) If therefore the said A : B. shall in and by all things well and truly observe and fulfill, such Instructions as he shall receive from the Council of this Colony, and shall in all things and respects, conform himself to the directions given in and by an Act "Intituled An Act for encouraging the fixing out of Armed Vessels, to defend the Coast of America & to Cruize on the Enemies of the United Colonies, As Also for Erecting a Court to try, and Condemn all Ships, or other Vessels, their Tackle, apparel & furniture, and all Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, belonging to the Inhabitants of Great Britain taken on the high Seas, then the above written Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force:

And be it further Enacted, that there shall be Erected & constantly held in the Town of Portsmouth, or some Town or place adjacent, in the County of Rockingham, a Court of Justice by the name of the Court Maritime by such able, and discreet person, as shall be appointed & Commissioned, by the Council, and Assembly, for that purpose, whose Business it shall be to take Cognizance and try the Justice of any Capture or Captures, of any Vessel, or Vessels, that have been, may or shall be taken by any Person or Persons whomsoever & brought into this Colony, or any Recaptures, that have or shall be taken & brought thereinto.

And be it further Enacted That any person or persons, who have been or shall be concerned in the taking and bringing into this Colony, any Vessel or Vessels employed or offending, or being the property as afores^d shall jointly or either of them by themselves, or by their Attorneys, or Agents, within Twenty days after being possessed of the same in this Colony, file before the said Judge, a Libel in writing, therein giving a full & ample account, of the time, manner & Cause of the taking such Vessel or Vessels.

But in Case of any such Vessel or Vessels already brought in as aforesaid : Then such Libel shall be filed, within twenty days next after the passing this Act. and at the time of filing such Libel, shall also be filed, all papers on Board such Vessel or Vessels, to the Intent that the Jury may have the benefit of the Evidence, therefrom arising, And the Judge shall as soon as may be, appoint a day to Try by a Jury, the Justice of the Capture of such Vessel or Vessels, with their appurtenance & Cargoes, And he is hereby authorized and impowered to try the same. And the same Judge shall cause a notification thereof, and the name, if known, and description of the Vessel, so brought in with the day set for the Trial thereon, to be advertised in some Newspaper printed in the said Colony (if any such paper there be) twenty days before the time of the Trial & for want of such Paper, then to cause the same Notification to be affixed on the Doors of the Town house in said Portsmouth to the Intent that the Owner of such Vessel, or any person concerned may appear, & shew Cause (if any they have) why such Vessel, with her Cargo & appurtenances sho^d not be condemned as aforesaid And the said Judge shall, seven days before the day set, & appointed for the trial of such Vessel, or Vessels, issue his Warrant to any Constable or Constables within the County aforesaid commanding them or either of them to assemble the Inhabitants of their Towns respectively, & to draw out of the Box, in manner provided for drawing Jurors, to serve at the Superior Court of Judicature, so many good and lawful men as the said Judge shall order (not less than Twelve, nor exceeding Twenty four ; And the Constable or Constables shall as soon as may be, give any person or persons, so drawn to serve, on the Jury in said Court, due notice thereof, and shall make due return of his doings therein to the said Judge, at or before the day set and appointed for the Trial. And the said Jurors shall be held to serve on the Trial of all such Vessels as shall have been libelled before the said Judge, & the time of their Trial, publish'd, at the time said Jurors are drawn, unless the Judge shall see cause, to discharge them or either of them before ; And if seven of the Jurors shall appear, and there shall not be enough to compleat the number of Twelve, (which shall be a Pannel) Or if there shall be a legal Challenge, to any of them, so that there shall be seven, and not a Pannel, It shall and may be lawful for the Judge to order his Clerk, the Sherif or other proper Officer attending on said Court to fill up the Jury with good and lawful men present ; And the said Jury when so filled up, and impannell'd, shall be sworn to return a true Verdict, on any Bill, Claim, or Memorial which shall be committed to them according to Law, and Evidence ; And if the Jury shall find, that any Vessel or Vessels, against which, a Bill or Libel is committed to them have been offending, used, employed or improved as aforesaid, or are the property of any Inhabitants of Great Britain as aforesaid, they shall return their

Verdict thereof to the said Judge, and he shall thereupon Condemn each Vessel or Vessels with their Cargoes, & appurtenances, & shall order them to be disposed of, as by Law is provided And if the Jury shall return a special Verdict, therein setting forth certain facts relative to such Vessel or Vessels (a Bill against which is committed to them) and it shall appear to the said Judge by said Verdict, that such Vessel or Vessels, have been infesting the Sea Coast of America, or Navigation thereof Or that such Vessels, have been, employed, used improved or offending, or are the property of any Inhabitant, or Inhabitants of Great Britain as aforesaid, he the said Judge shall condemn such Vessel or Vessels, & Decree them to be sold, with their Cargoes and appurtenances at Public Vendue, and shall also order the Charges of said Trial, and Condemnation to be paid out of the money such Vessel and Cargo with her appurtenances shall Sell for, to the Officers of the Court, according to the Table of Fees, last Established by Law of this Colony, and shall order the residue thereof to be Delivered to the Captors, their Agents or Attorneys, for the Use and benefit, of such Captors, and others Concerned therein: And if two or more Vessels (the Commanders whereof, shall be properly Commissioned) shall jointly take such Vessel, the money, which She and her Cargo shall sell for (after Payment of Charges as aforesaid) shall be divided between the Captors in proportion to their Men. And the said Judge is hereby Authorized to make out his Precept under his hand and Seal directed to the Sherif of the County aforesaid (or if thereto requested by the Captors or Agents) to any other person to be appointed by the said Judge to sell such Vessel and appurtenances, and Cargo, at Public Vendue And such Sherif or other person after deducting his own Charges, for the same, to pay and deliver the residue, according to the Decree of said Judge.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Constable within the said County shall neglect or refuse to obey the Warrant of the Judge, for returning said Jurors as aforesaid, he shall pay such Fine, as the said Judge shall order (not Exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings: And if any Juror so drawn, and having Notice as aforesaid shall not appear at the time, and place directed, in such Warrant, or shall refuse (without reasonable Excuse, to serve on such Jury he shall pay such Fine as the Judge shall Order (not Exceeding the Sum of Forty Shillings.—

But before such Fine shall be awarded the Judge shall summon such Juror, to appear before him, to shew forth the reason of his Neglect, And if such reason shall not be Satisfactory to the said Judge, Then he shall issue his Warrant of Distress for such Fine (If the said Juror shall neglect to pay the same and (Excepting the Stile and Test) in such manner as is directed for the Recovery of Fines of Jurors, who shall neglect, or refuse to serve in the

Inferior Court of Common Pleas. Which Fines so recovered shall be paid into the Treasury of this Colony for the use thereof.

And be it Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid, That any Person or Persons claiming the whole or any part or Share (either as Owner or Captor of any such Vessel, or Vessels, against which a Libel is so filed, may jointly, or by themselves or by their Attorneys or Agents) five Days before the Day set and appointed for the Trial of such Vessel or Vessels, file their Claim before the said Judge; which Claim shall be committed to the Jury, with the Libel, which is first filed, And the Jury shall thereupon determine, and return their Verdict of what part or Share such Claimant or Claimants shall have of the Capture, or Captures; And every Person or persons who shall neglect to file his or their Claim in manner as aforesaid, shall be for Ever barred therefrom—

And be it further Enacted, That no Person who shall take and bring in any Vessel as aforesaid, shall use, or improve such Captures before Condemnation; And every Person who shall file the first Libel against such Vessel, or Vessels, shall be held to pay all Fees, established by Law, in the same manner, as hath been used and accustomed in the Courts of Common Law within this Colony.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every Vessel, which shall be taken and brought into this Colony by the armed Vessels of any of the United Colonies of America, and shall be Condemned as aforesaid the Proceeds of such Vessels, and Cargoes, shall go and be, One third part, to the Use of the Captors, & the other two thirds, to the Use of the Colony, at whose Charge such armed Vessel, was fitted out. And when any Vessel or Vessels shall be taken by the Fleet and Army of the United Colonies, and brought into this Colony, and Condemned as aforesaid, the said Judge shall distribute & dispose of the said Vessels, and Cargoes, according to the Resolves, and Orders of the American Congress.

And be it Enacted that the Process and Proceedings upon any Vessel which has been, or shall be retaken from the Enemy by any person or persons, shall be in the same manner as herein provided for other Vessels. And any Vessels of any of the Inhabitants of the united Colonies which have been or shall be hereafter retaken, from the Enemy, before Condemnation thereof had, the moneys which they and their appurtenances, and Cargoes shall sell for, shall be disposed of as follows, Viz^t: If they have been in the possession of the Enemy, less than twenty four hours, then one Eighth, part, shall go to the use of the Recaptors; If more than Twenty four, and less than Forty Eight hours, then one fifth part shall go to the Recaptors; And if more than forty Eight, and less than Ninety Six hours, then one Third part; And if more than Ninety six hours, One half shall go to the Recaptor. And in every Case, the residue to the Owner or Owners, unless such Vessel or

Vessels, shall after being so brought in, be legally Condemned as a Prize; in which Case the Recaptors, shall have the whole.

And be it further Enacted, that any Person, Owner, Captor or Claimant, may take affidavits in any Cause to be tried in the Court Maritime aforesaid) before any Justice of the Peace, under the regulation provided by the Laws, of this Colony, for taking Affidavits, to be used in Civil Actions in any Of the Courts of Common Law; and any Person on Board such Captures, when they surrender, may be Admitted as a Witness to testify to any Fact in Dispute, between any of the Captors; and the Clerk appointed by the said Judge, is impowered to make out a Summons, to any Person named as a Witness, by either Party. And if any Person served with such Summons, and having the legal Fees for his Travel tendered him, shall unnecessarily refuse to appear, and give Evidence in such Cause, he shall suffer such Penalty as is provided by the Laws of this Colony against Witnesses, who shall neglect to appear when legally summoned to give Evidence in the Superior Court of Judicature And whereas The Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, have recommended, that in certain Cases an Appeal, sho^d be granted from the Court aforesaid, Be it therefore Enacted, That from all Judgements, or Decrees, hereafter to be given in the said Court Maritime on the Capture of any Vessel, appurtenances or Cargoes, where such Vessel is taken or shall be taken by any Armed Vessel, fitted out at the Charge of the United Colonies, an appeal shall be allowed to the Continental Congress, or to such Person or Persons, as they already have or shall hereafter appoint, for the Trials of Appeals; Provided the Appeal be demanded within five Days, after definitive Sentence given And such Appeal shall be lodged with the Secretary of the Congress, within forty days afterwards And Provided the party appealing, shall give Security to prosecute said Appeal with Effect And in Case of the Death of the Secretary, during the recess of the Congress, the said Appeal shall be lodged in Congress, within Twenty days, after the next Meeting thereof. And that from the Judgment, Decrees, or Sentence of said Court, on the Capture of any Vessel, or Cargo which have been or shall hereafter be brought into this Colony, by any Person or Persons (Excepting those who are in the Service of the United Colonies, an Appeal shall be allowed to the Superior Court of Judicature, which shall next be held in the County aforesaid And Whereas no Provision has been made by any of the said Resolves for an Appeal from the Sentence or Decree of the said Judge, where the Caption of any such Vessel or Vessels, may be made by a Vessel in the Service of the United Colonies, and of any particular Colony, or Person together Therefore Be it Enacted, by the Authority afores^d That in such Cases, the Appeal, shall be allowed to the then next Superior Court as aforesaid: Provided the Appellant shall enter into Bonds, with sufficient Sureties to prosecute his Appeal with Effect.

And such Superior Court, to which the Appeal shall be, shall take Cognizance thereof, in the same Manner, as if the Appeal was from the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, and shall Condemn or acquit, such Vessel or Vessels their Cargoes, and appurtenances, And in the Sale, and disposition of them, proceed according to this Act. And the Appellant shall pay the Court, and Jury, such Fees as are allowed, by Law in Civil Actions.

And be it further Enacted, That when there shall be on board such Capture, any Goods perishable by nature, the Judge aforesaid, shall be, and hereby is impowered, to give Licence for the Sale of such Goods before the Trial, and after a Libel is filed as aforesaid Provided the person, or persons, filing said Libel, shall give Security to the Judge for the Payment of such Moneys, as such Goods are reasonably worth, to the Captor or Captors thereof, if the same shall be Condemned, & if otherwise to the Owners thereof.

And be it Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That when any Merchant Ship or Vessel, shall be taken by Virtue of any Resolve aforesaid, the Wages of Seamen and mariners who shall be taken on Board the same, shall be paid out of the Proceeds of the Prize, up to the time of Condemnation

And be it further Enacted, That the said Judge, shall appoint an able Clerk, who shall keep a true and fair Record of all the proceedings of the said Court, and shall be duly sworn to act in said Office, with truth, and fidelity; And his Attestations, shall be received, in Evidence in all Courts of Law.—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER REGULATION OF MARRIAGES AND FOR PUNISHING THE NEGLECT OF REGISTERING BIRTHS AND BURIALS.

[Passed July 3, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 12; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 264. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 8; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 237. Repealed June 20, 1792. The acts of 1692 and 1698 were repealed by the Queen in Council in 1706. Civil magistrates were not empowered to perform the marriage ceremony by the act of 1714. The act of July 3, 1776, provides that magistrates as well as ministers may perform the marriage ceremony. See act of Feb. 15, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 267.]

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, That it shall and may be lawful for any Ordained Minister of the Gospel in any Town or Parish within the County where he is settled (and no other place) And for any Jus-

tice of the Peace in the County for which he is Commissioned, (and for no other Place whatsoever) to Join Persons in Marriage, Provided the said Persons shall have been published Three public Meeting Days in the Town or Towns, Parish or Parishes where such Persons respectively Live, and shall before the Solemnization of such Marriage produce to the said Minister or Justice a Certificate of such Publishing, under the Hand of Clerk or Clerks of the Towns or Places, where such Persons so to be Married live.

And if any Minister or Justice shall presume to join any Persons in Matrimony (without first having received such Certificate as aforesaid) such Minister or Justice shall for every such Offence forfeit and pay the Sum of One Hundred Pounds, One Half part thereof to the Use of the Colony, and the other half to the use of the Informer who shall sue for the same in any Court of Record within this Colony. And whosoever shall so join in Marriage, such Persons, shall within one Month after such Solemnization, take care to have such Marriage recorded, by the Town Clerk, But if said Minister or Justice so marrying neglect it above one Month, then to pay six shillings per Month, until recorded—And if any other Person (than a Minister of the Gospel or Magistrate as aforesaid) shall presume to join in Matrimony any Persons either with or without a Certificate of Publishment, Such Persons so presuming and actually joining others in Marriage, shall forfeit and pay the Sum of one Hundred Pounds One half to the use of the County where such Person offending may be thereof Convicted, the other half to the Informer, Saving only to the People called Quakers their customary way of Marriage, as established in their Meetings.—

And be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Clerk in every Town, within this Colony shall record Births, Burials and Marriages, and all Persons concerned and to give Notice thereof to the Clerk within one Month and pay Two pence (if in one Month otherwise Two pence for every Month after until done—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That where there is no Town or Parish Clerk to Publish or Certifie the Publication of Persons to be married as aforesaid, in that Case (upon Application made) the Clerk of the next adjacent Town or Parish shall publish such Persons and give such Certificate as aforesaid, which Publication and Certificate shall be accounted good and legal as if there was such Clerk or Clerks in such Town or Parish, where such Persons so intending to Marry do reside.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *Colony of* }
 { *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING COURTS OF LAW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE WITHIN THIS COLONY.

[Passed July 5, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 13; recorded Acts, vol. 3 p. 266. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 1; Perpetual Laws 1789 ed., p. 33. See additional act of March 25, 1782, and act of Feb. 9, 1791. Laws, 1792 ed., p. 63 Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the cruel and unnatural War commenced and prosecuted by Great-Britain against the United Colonies hath rendered it necessary for the protection and security of the Lives & Interests of the Inhabitants of this Colony to assume and establish a new Form of Government therein, for the administration whereof, it is equally necessary and expedient to establish Courts of Justice, Therefore,

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled That instead of the several Courts of Judicature heretofore established and holden by the Laws of this Colony, under the former Government thereof, in the several Counties therein; shall be and hereby are established to be holden, One Superior Court of Judicature to have Jurisdiction and Authority throughout this Colony, to be holden and kept at the Times and Places herein after appointed, by four Justices to be appointed and Commissionated thereto by the Council and House of Representatives of said Colony for the Time being, any three of whom to make a Quorum. Also an Inferior Court of Common Pleas within each respective County in this Colony, to be holden by four Justices to be appointed and commissionated thereto in manner aforesaid, any three of whom to make a Quorum, to be holden at such Times and Places, as are by this Act appointed. And One Court of General quarter Sessions of the Peace within and for each respective County to be holden by the Justices of the Peace for such County, or so many of them as shall be limited by the Commission of the Peace to make a Quorum, to be holden at such Times and Places, as are by this Act appointed; All which Courts shall respectively hold and exercise, like Jurisdiction and Authority within their respective Counties, in all matters and Causes arising within such Counties as the Superior Court of Judicature, Inferior Court of common Pleas, and Court of General Sessions of the Peace, heretofore respectively held and exercised within this Colony or by Law ought to hold and exercise.

The Justices of the Inferior Courts within this Colony, all Judges of Probate, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs, Registers or Re-

corders of Deeds, Registers of Probate and all civil Officers shall hold and exercise within their respective Counties the same Power and Authority, as were heretofore held and exercised by such Officers respectively, in the several Counties in this Colony before the establishment of the present Government or by Law ought to be held and exercised.

All Processes issuing out any Court of Record, in this Colony may be directed to and executed by the Officer or Officers of any other County within their respective Counties as well as by the Officer or Officers of the County where such Process issued. And all transitory Actions wherein both Parties are Inhabitants of this Colony, may be commenced in the County wherein either of the parties to the Suit may be Inhabitant and not elsewhere, within this Colony. But if any Person or Persons who is an Inhabitant of this Colony or otherwise shall commence any Action or Actions upon any endorsed Note or Notes, Bill or Bills of Exchange against any Defendant or Defendants, in any Court in this Colony, other than that County, wherein such Defendant or Defendants live, the Court before whom the same shall be brought or tried, shall Tax in any such suit for the Plaintiff no more for Travel than Twenty Miles. Except in such Cases where the suit and Benefit thereof do Bona Fide belong to the Person or Persons who bring the same and who actually Travel to the Court, to which such Suit shall be brought.

And the Times and Places for holding the said Courts shall be as follows Viz^t The Superior Court shall be holden at Portsmouth on the first Tuesday of March, and at Exeter the first Tuesday of September annually for the County of Rockingham. and at Amherst for the County of Hillsborough on the fourth Tuesday of September annually. and at Keene for the County of Cheshire the first Tuesday of October annually. And at Dover for the County of Strafford the last Tuesday of May annually. And for the County of Grafton annually on the Third Tuesday of October at Haverhill and Plymouth alternately. The Inferior Courts for the County of Rockingham shall be held at Portsmouth the first Tuesdays of November and May and at Exeter the last Tuesdays of February and July annually; And the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Rockingham at Portsmouth the second Tuesdays of November and May, and at Exeter the first Tuesdays, of February and August annually—The Inferior Courts of common Pleas for the County of Hillsborough shall be holden at Amherst the first Tuesdays of October, January, April and July annually. And the Courts of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Hillsborough shall be holden at Amherst on the first Thursdays next after the first Tuesdays in October January, April and July annually. And the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas for the County of Cheshire, shall be holden at Keene the second Tuesdays of October and July, and at

Charlestown the second Tuesdays of January and April annually. And the Courts of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cheshire, shall be holden at Keene on the Thursdays next after the second Tuesdays in October and July; and at Charlestown on the Thursdays next after the second Tuesdays of January and April annually. The Inferior Courts of Common Pleas for the County of Strafford shall be holden at Dover on the first Thursdays next following the second Tuesdays of January, July and October and at Durham on the first Thursday next following the second Tuesdays of April annually: That the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Strafford shall be holden at Dover the second Tuesdays of January, July and October and at Durham the second Tuesdays of April annually. And the Inferior Courts of common Pleas for the County of Grafton shall be held at Haverhill the first Thursdays next following the Third Tuesdays of August and at Plymouth the first Thursdays next following the Third Tuesdays of February annually; and the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Grafton shall be held at Haverhill on the Third Tuesdays of August and at Plymouth the Third Tuesdays of February annually.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Writs, Processes, Executions and others matters in Law which were returnable to or depending in any of the said Courts in each of the respective Counties in this Colony at the Time of the establishment of the present Government or that are now pending therein shall be returned to and sustained by the respective Courts hereby Established (before whom by Law the said Writs, Processes and Matters are cognizable) at the first Term of the several Courts in their respective Counties. And all Judgements, not perfected shall be made up and Alias's and Pluries shall Issue upon former Executions which shall be return'd not satisfied (as the nature of the Case may require,) in such manner and as fully and effectually as though the Courts of Law had not been discontinued, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[*Fourth Session, Held at Exeter, September 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 1776.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *Colony of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO ADOPT AND TAKE THE NAME, STILE, AND TITLE OF
STATE, IN LIEW OF COLONY, IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

[Passed Sept. 11, 1776. Recorded acts, vol. 3, p. 269. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 36. See Colby, "Manual of the Constitution," revised edition, 1912, p. 73.]

Whereas by a late Declaration of the Hon^{ble} Continental Congress, the United Colonies of North America, are declared Free and Independant States.—

Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and assembly, that henceforth this Colony, assume and take the Name and Stile, of the State of New Hampshire. And where any Law hath directed the Name & Stile of the Colony of New Hampshire, or the Name & Stile of the Province of New Hampshire or the Name & Stile of the Province of New Hampshire to be used in any Commissions, Processes, or Writings whatever; In Lieu thereof shall be now used, the Name & Stile of the State of New Hampshire, & not otherwise.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE EXPORTATION OF LUMBER FOR A
LIMITED TIME.

[Passed Sept. 12, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 14; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 305. See act of Jan. 4, 1792.]

Whereas many and great Inconveniences at this critical time, arise to this, and the other United States of America, if a speedy and effectual Prohibition of the exportation of Lumber, and other materials for building, from each and every Port, Harbour, or place, within the Limits of this State, is not immediately effected.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That no person or persons whatsoever, shall take or load on board any Ship or Vessel, within this State, any Oak or pine Tim-

ber, plank Boards, Joists, Clapboards, or Shingles, or other wooden materials, Suitable for building, with Intent to convey the Same, out of this State, to any other Harbour or Place therein, Excepting all such Lumber as shall be transporting from place to place, for the sole Use, and by the Order of this or any other of the United States of America, or any person employed by them for that purpose. And that no Ship or Vessel, already loaded with any such lumber as aforesaid in any Port or Harbour within this State shall be permitted to depart with any such Lumber on board, from any such Port or Harbour, to any other port, Harbour, or place, without this State: And every such Ship or Vessel which shall load as aforesaid, or being loaded as aforesaid, shall Sail or depart, or attempt to sail or depart, from any Port Harbour, or place within this State, shall together with her Cargo, Tackle, Apparell & Furniture, be forfeited, and disposed of, as in this Act hereinafter provided.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it shall, and may be Lawful for any armed Ship or Vessel, commissioned by the American Congress, or by any of the United States of America to Surprise, take seize, and bring, into any Port, or place within this State, any Ship or Vessel, which shall have sailed from any place within this State, in Violation of this Act, wholly or in part, laden with Lumber as aforesaid, and be found on the high Seas. And the Maritime Court already erected, within this State, is hereby Authorized, to try the Justice of such Captures, in like manner, and form, as other Ships, or Vessels are tryable in the same Court, And in Case of Confiscation, to order distribution thereof, one Moiety thereof to the Captors, and the other Moiety to and for the use of this State.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that any Owner, and Freightor, of any Ships or Vessels, that shall in Violation of this Act sail, and depart from any Port harbour or place, within this State, in part or wholly laden with Lumber as aforesaid, & the same Ship or Vessel shall not be taken, or seized, in consequence of this Act, every such Owner or freightor, shall forfeit and pay the sum of Three hundred pounds, to be recovered in the Inferior Court, in the County from whence the said Vessel sailed, and applied as hereafter by this Act is directed. Provided always, that no Action for such forfeiture shall be sustained in any Court of Record within this State unless the same were commenced, within twelve months after the Offence committed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the Committees of Safety, of the several Towns, and plantations, within this State, are hereby Authorized, directed, and impowered, to see that this Act is duly observed, and kept, within their respective Precincts, and prosecute to Effect all Violations of the same, and to recover the Penalties thereto annexed, in which Case, One moiety of the Penalty, shall accrue to this State, and be lodged in

the Public Treasury of the same, and the other moiety to and for the Benefit of the Town, where the Offense is Committed after deducting the reasonable Charges of Prosecution. This Act to be in force until the Twentieth Day of November next, and no longer.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR FORMING AND REGULATING THE MILITIA WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN NEW ENGLAND, AND FOR REPEALING ALL THE THE LAWS HERETOFORE MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

[Passed Sept. 19, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 15; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 271. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 36. Repealed March 18, 1780. See resolutions of March 19, 1777 and Dec. 25, 1778. Laws, 1780 ed., pp. 90, 145. See additional act of June 26, 1779. For analysis of the militia laws of the province period, consult Fry, "New Hampshire as a Royal Province," p. 473; Potter, "Military History of New Hampshire," pp. 1-263; "History of the 17th N. H. Regiment, War of 1861-5," Ch. 38, p. 213.]

Whereas it is not only the Interest but the Duty of all Nations to defend their Lives, Liberties and Properties in that Land which the Supreme Ruler of the Universe has bestowed on them, against the unlawful attacks and Depredations of all Enemies whatever; especially those who are moved by a Spirit of Avarice or Despotism:—And whereas the Honorable American Congress have recommended to the United Colonies, to put the Militia into a proper State for the Defence of America:—And whereas the Laws now in Force, respecting the Regulation of the Militia, have been found insufficient for the Purposes aforesaid.

1st It is therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, And by the Authority of the same, that the several Laws and the several Paragraphs and Clauses of all and every the Laws of this State enforcing, or any Ways relating to the Regulation of the Militia, be and hereby are repealed & declared null and void.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That that part of the Militia of this State commonly called the Training Band, shall be constituted of all the able-bodied Male persons therein, from sixteen Years old to fifty excepting Members of the American Congress, Members of the Council and of the House of Representatives for the time being, the Secretary of the Colony, all Civil Officers that have been or shall be appointed by the General Court, or either Branch of it, Officers and Students of

Dartmouth College, Ministers of the Gospel, Elders and Deacons of Churches, Church-Wardens, Grammar School-Masters, Masters of Arts, the Denominations of Christians called Quakers, Select Men for the time being, those who have by Commission under any Government or Congress, or by Election in pursuance of the Vote of any Congress of the Continent, or of this or any other Colony, held the post of a Subaltern or higher Officer, Persons while actually employed as Masters of Vessels of more than thirty Tons Burthen, other than Fishing Vessels, and Vessels coasting this Colony, and to and from this Colony to the other New England Governments, Constables, Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs, Negroes, Indians and Mulattoes, and shall be under the Command of such Officers as shall be chosen empowered & commissioned over them, as is by this Act provided ; and the Select-men or the major part of them of each Town, shall be, and hereby are empowered by Writing under their Hands to excuse from Time to time such Physicians, Surgeons, Ferry-men & Millers in their respective Towns from common and ordinary Trainings, as they shall judge it necessary to excuse : And the Council & House of Representatives aforesaid shall from Time to Time, as may appear to them necessary, divide the Militia of each County into Regiments, and alter and divide such Regiments from Time to Time, as they shall judge expedient, after having taken the Opinion, during any Session of the General Court, of such Members of the House as belong to the County where the Division or Alteration is to be made, and as shall be present at the Time of such Consultation.—

2^d And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that there shall be chosen by Ballot of the Council and House of Representatives for this State from Time to Time as may be Necessary, one Major General over the whole Militia thereof, which Major General when so chosen shall be Commissionated to that Office by the Council and House aforesaid. & said General shall at all times have power to draw forth the said Militia or any part thereof, as the said General may judge expedient and necessary for the immediate defence of this, or any of the United States of America. And the Officers and Soldiers of said Militia shall pay entire Obedience to his Commands accordingly under the Penalties hereafter provided in this Act.—

Provided always. That the said General and all other Officers of said Militia shall at all Times be under the Command of the Council and House of Representatives, and shall in drawing forth or retaining in Service the said Militia or any part thereof, be subject to such Orders and Instructions, as they may receive from Time to Time from the same Council and House of Representatives.

3^d And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be chosen, appointed and commissioned, (as is provided and directed by this Act for the Choice and Appointment

of a General Officer) over each Regiment in this Colony, one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and two Majors; and the said Field Officers so appointed and commissioned, or the major part of them, shall forthwith divide and set off the respective Regiments into Companies, as they shall judge expedient, to consist as near as conveniently can be, of Sixty eight Privates, exclusive of those of the Alarm List, and to determine the Rank of each and every Company.

Provided nevertheless, That no Soldier shall be obliged, without his consent, to join a Company belonging to any Town in which he has not his usual place of Abode, unless where there shall not be Privates enough to make a Company of thirty Soldiers including Officers; in which Case, as also where there are Any Persons belonging to a place not incorporated, they shall be joined to such Company as the Field Officers of the Regiments within which they are shall see fit. And the Inhabitants of every Town now in, or that shall be in the Continental Army, shall be deemed to belong to, and be a part of the Companies in their respective Towns, and excused from Duty in the Militia, whilst they continue part of the Army aforesaid; and each Company when so formed and set off, shall, together with those of the Alarm List, within the Limits of the Same, by Ballot, in the presence of one of their Field Officers, who shall cause them to be duly notified for that purpose, and shall preside as Moderator, choose one Captain, two Lieutenants, and one Ensign; which Choice shall be immediately certified to the Secretary by said Field Officers; and the President of the Council thereupon, unless some material Objection against such choice for any corrupt Practice or Irregularity, shall be made at or before the Time of receiving said Certificates, shall commissionate such Persons pursuant to their Election. And all the said Officers when so commissioned by the President of the Council, shall in the absence of their Superiors, have the same Power in ordering, directing and marching their Regiments and Companies, as the Major General has over the whole of said Militia: And the Colonel, or commanding Officer of each Regiment, shall as soon as the Captains in his Regiment are commissioned, give them respectively under his Hand in Writing, the Limits of their respective Companies; their alarm Posts, and the manner of mustering their Companies on all Occasions.

4. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the Field Officers of each and every Regiment, or the major Part of them, shall recommend to the General Court a good able and skilful Person for Adjutant of their Regiment; And if either House shall by Ballot, elect such Person for that Office, then the President of the Council shall, when concurred, commissionate him thereto. And in all Cases determinable by Field Officers of the several Regiments, where there shall be four Field Officers of

any particular Regiment present ; and they shall be equally divided in their Opinions respecting such Matter—the Determination shall be according to the opinion of the first Colonel.

5. And be it further enacted, That each Company including the Alarm List, shall be called together by their Captain, or commanding Officer, as soon as may be for the purpose of choosing one Clerk, four Serjeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer ; and when it shall appear to the Commission Officers of any Company, that either of said Non-commissioned Officers shall neglect his Duty, they may remove & dismiss him from his Office, and call upon their Company, including the Alarm List, to choose another in the Room of such Delinquent ; and if the said Company being called together for that Purpose, shall at any Time neglect or refuse immediately to proceed to the Choice of one, or more Non-commissioned Officer or Officers, so ordered to be chosen—the Commission Officers of such Company, or the major part of them, shall by Warrant under their Hands in Writing appoint such Non-commissioned Officer or Officers, which the said Company shall have refused to choose as aforesaid.

6. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Officer and private Soldier of said Militia, not under the Controul of Parents, Masters, or Guardians, And being of sufficient Ability therefor, in the judgment of the Selectmen of the Town wherein he has his usual place of Abode, shall equip himself, and be constantly provided with a good Fire Arm, good Ramrod, a Worm, Priming Wire and Brush, and a Bayonet fitted to his Gun, a Scabbard and Belt therefor, and a Cutting Sword, or a Tomahawk or Hatchet, a Pouch containing a Cartridge Box, that will hold fifteen Rounds of Cartridges at least, a Hundred Buck Shot, a Jack-Knife and Tow for Wadding, six Flints, one Pound of Powder, forty Leaden Balls fitted to his Gun, a Knapsack and Blanket, a Canteen or Wooden Bottle sufficient to hold one Quart.—And all Parents, Masters, and Guardians, shall furnish and equip those of the Militia which are under their Care and Command, with the Arms, Equipments and Accoutrements aforesaid : And where the Selectmen of any Town shall adjudge any Person belonging to the Militia of their Town unable to equip, and arm himself as Aforesaid, such Selectmen shall in Writing Under their Hands certify the same to the Captain or commanding Officer in whose Company such Person may be, and shall at the Expense of such Town provide for, furnish, arm and equip such Person with Arms and Equipments ; which Arms so provided by such Selectmen, shall be the Property of the Town at whose expence they shall be provided ; and if any non-commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall embezzle or destroy the same, he shall be punished at the Discretion of the Justice, or Court before whom he may be convicted thereof, by paying double the Value of the Arms, or Accoutrements so wilfully destroyed or embezzled ; and on Default thereof, to

be publickly whipped not exceeding twenty stripes: And the Selectmen of each and every Town shall provide at the Expence of the Colony and deposit and keep in some safe Place for the Use of the Militia upon an Alarm—one sixteenth part so many Spades, or Iron Shovels with Handles and fitted for Service, as there are Rateable Polls in their Town; one half as many narrow Axes, as Spades and Iron Shovels, and as many Pick Axes, as narrow Axes all fitted for Service:—And at the Cost and Charge of their respective Towns, one Drum and one Fife for each Company therein. And the Freeholders & Inhabitants of each and every Town in this Colony, qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, are hereby impowered at a Meeting regularly warned for that purpose, to raise Money by Tax on the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of their Towns to defray all charges arising on said Towns in consequence of this Act.—

7. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That each and every Commission Officer of said Militia, who shall not within one Month next after receiving his Commission, provide for, arm and equip himself with Such Arms and Accoutrements, as is by this Act directed, shall by Order of a Court Martial appointed, as by this Act is provided, be removed from his Office. And every Commissioned Officer, who shall be deposed from his Office in the Militia for Neglect of Duty, or other Misdemeanor, as by this Act is provided, shall receive no Benefit from any Commission, which he shall be thus incapacitated to execute to exempt him from Military Duty.

8. And be it further enacted, That the Clerk of each and every company of said Militia, shall once every six months after the Time of his Choice or Appointment, take an exact List of his Company, and of each Man's Equipments respectively, and present the same to the Captain or commanding Officer thereof; a Copy whereof the Captain or commanding Officer of said Company, shall immediately deliver to the Colonel or commanding Officer of the Regiment he belongs to; and the Colonel shall without delay return the Number therein contained to the Major General, and he shall forthwith return the same to the Council.—

9. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That when the Captain or commanding Officer of any Company of Militia in this Colony, shall choose to call his Company together, or shall be ordered by his Superior Officer to do it, to examine their Arms, or instruct them in the Exercises, which from Time to Time shall by the General Court be ordered for them, he shall notify and warn them of the Time and Place of Meeting, in such manner as his Colonel shall appoint therefor, and each and every Company shall be mustered eight Times a Year at least, including their Regimental Musters.

10. And be it further enacted, that if the commanding Officer of any Regiment shall neglect to call his Regiment together at

such Time and Place, and in such Manner as the General shall order, & be thereof convicted before a Court-Martial appointed, as in this Act provided, he shall be liable to be removed from his Office; and if any Captain or Subaltern, shall prove disobedient on a Training or Mustering Day, or shall not draw out the Company he commands, being ordered by his superior Officer thereto, he shall be liable to be removed from his Office by a Court-Martial appointed, as by this Act is provided: And when any Commission Officer shall be removed from his Office as aforesaid, he shall be held incapable of holding any Military Office in said Militia for the Space of three Years next after Sentence declared against him; and when any Captain or Subaltern shall be removed from his Office as aforesaid, the commanding Officer of the Company wherein such incapacitated Person used last to command, shall call the Company together, including the Alarm List, & direct them in the presence of one of the Field Officers of the Regiment, who shall preside as Moderator, to choose some other Person in his Room, and the Person so chosen, on his Choice being certified, as in this Act provided for the Choice of Captains and Subalterns shall by the President of the Council be commissioned accordingly. And if the said Company at any Time shall neglect or refuse to choose one or more Commission Officer or Officers for the same, after being called together for that purpose, as is directed by this Act, the Field Officers, or the major part of them, shall recommend to the Council such Person or Persons within the Limits of said Company, as they shall think most capable of the said Office. And the President of the Council shall Commissionate them in the same Manner as if they had been chosen by the Company; and if any Non-Commissioned Officer or private Soldier, being duly notified of the Time and Place appointed for the Company to which he belongs, to meet on a Training or Muster Day, shall unnecessarily neglect to appear with such of the aforesaid Arms, Accoutrements and Equipments, as he shall be possessed of, being ordered by his Officer to bring the same, shall pay a Fine not exceeding the Sum of Twenty Shillings, nor less than Five Shillings, or if he shall be Disobedient or Disorderly on a Training, or Muster-Day he shall pay a Fine not exceeding the sum of Ten, nor less than one Shilling; and all Fines & Forfeitures of Money, arising by Breach of this Act for Disobedience or Failure of Appearance on a Training-Day, shall be recovered by Complaint before a Justice of the Peace, by the Clerk of the Company to which the Delinquent belongs, And if on such Complaint Judgment shall be given in favor of such Clerk, he shall have his legal Cost allowed him.—Provided nevertheless, That when any non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier, shall neglect to appear as aforesaid, on a Training or Muster-Day, and shall within fifteen Days next after such Training or Muster, make his Application to the Officers of said Company, or the Major part of them, and

pay such Fine as they shall order, not exceeding Ten, nor less than five Shillings, or shall obtain their Excuse, and present a Certificate of the same under their Hands to the Clerk, it shall be a Bar to any further Action or Complaint against him for such Offence.—

11. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That the said Militia, as well Officers as private Soldiers, when drawn out, or ordered to be drawn out on an Alarm for the immediate Defence of this or any other of the United Colonies of America, shall from Time to Time be under such Laws or Articles of War and regulations, as shall be provided by the General Court.

12. And be it further enacted, That the General of said Militia shall be amenable to, and triable by the Council and House of Representatives for all Crimes & Misdemeanors in his Office, and for Treachery, Cowardice, Fraud, or Neglect of Duty, and lawless Exercise of Power shall be liable to be removed from his Office.—And if any Field Officer shall be guilty of any Misdemeanor, or Breach of Duty in Violation of this Act, the General shall appoint a Court-Martial to consist of a Number of Field officers not less than Seven, to try the Same

And when any Captain, Adjutant or Subaltern, shall be guilty of Breach of Duty, or Misdemeanors against this Act, the Colonel, or commanding Officer of the Regiment he belongs to, shall order a Court-Martial, to consist of a Majority of the commissioned Officers of the same Regiment, who live nearest to the Delinquent, to try him; which Court Martial shall respectively have full Power, for Treachery, Cowardice, Fraud, Failure of Duty, or wanton Exercise of Power, to remove from his Office such Commission Officer or Officers.—

13. And whereas Bribery and Corruption has been the Destruction of many great and opulent Nations, and therefore every Species thereof should be discountenanced by a virtuous and patriotic People: And whereas treating at the Election of Officers has a manifest Tendency to injure a free People, and does on Training Days, in a great Measure, subvert the Design of calling the Militia together:—

It is therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Officer, on any Training or other Muster-Days, shall give, or provide any Treat of Victuals or Drink, for the Company he commands, directly or indirectly, he shall be liable to be removed from his Office, by a Court Martial, as by this Act is provided for other Offences.—

14. And be it further enacted, That no Soldier, or Non-commissioned Officer, shall unnecessarily discharge or fire his Gun on a Training or Muster-Day, without the Express Order or Licence of his superior Officer, under such Penalty, as is herein provided for Disobedience, or disorderly Behaviour on such Days.—

15. Be it further enacted, That no Sentence of any Court Martial shall be put in Execution, without being affirmed by the Officer who shall have appointed the same.—

16. And whereas by the first Section of this Act, certain Orders of Men are exempt from common and ordinary Trainings : And whereas the present Situation of this Colony calls loudly for the Aid of all its Inhabitants; And many of those Persons who are by said Section so exempted, and others not included in that part of the Militia called the Training Band, are able & willing to fight in Defence of their Country :—

It is therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all the Male Persons from Sixteen years of Age to Sixty five, not included in that part of the Militia called the Training Band, and exempted by the first Section of this Act, from common and ordinary Training, shall constitute an Alarm List in this Colony ; excepting Members of the Council, of the House of Representatives, and American Congress, for the Time being, the Secretary of the Colony, Ministers of the Gospel, the Denomination of Christians called Quakers having a Certificate from the Clerk of their Society, Select Men for the Time being, and Negroes, Indians & Mulattoes ; and if of sufficient Ability, in the Judgment of the Selectmen of the Town where they have their usual Place of Abode, shall respectively provide for, and equip themselves with such Arms and Accoutrements, as by this Act is directed for those of the Training Band, in the Militia aforesaid ; and shall, in Case of an Alarm, be under the Command of such Officers of the Militia, as by this Act is directed. Provided, That no Person above Sixty Years of Age, nor such Millers and Ferry-men, as the Select men of their Town shall judge necessary to excuse therefrom, shall be compelled to march out of the Town wherein they have their usual place of abode.—

Provided also, and it is enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Such Persons belonging to the Alarm List, who are by this Act liable, in Case of an Alarm, to be called to March, and serve without the Limits of the Town where they have their usual Abode, shall not be obliged to March, or serve in the Ranks with such as belong to the Training Band List ; but if Necessity shall require, shall march, and serve in a separate Body & Corps by themselves, under the immediate Command of same Field Officer or Officers ; and shall not be subject to the Command of any Officer or Officers, inferior to a Field Officer ; nor shall the Judges, Justices or Sheriffs, in actual Commission, who shall have taken the Oath required by Law to qualify them for the Execution of their respective Offices, be subject or liable to be called out of the Towns, where they shall have their usual Abode, by any Officer inferior to the Colonel of a Regiment to which they belong : And the Clerk of each Company shall, when he takes a List of the Training Band, take an exact List of the Persons belonging to the

Alarm List in his Company, and shall present the same to his Captain, with that of the Training Band; and the Captains, and all Officers, shall make the same Return of them, as of the rest of the Militia.—And an Alarm may be made by firing three Guns one after another, or by firing a Beacon, the Drums beating an Alarm all Persons being called upon to arm: Upon which all the trained Soldiers, & others capable to bear Arms, who are then resident in any Town, shall forthwith appear compleat with their Arms and Ammunition, at the usual place of Rendezvous, or where the chief Officer shall appoint; there to attend such Command as shall be given for the common Defence, agreeable to this Act.

17. And be it further enacted, That the Captain, or commanding Officer of every Company in this Colony, shall once every six Months, on one of the Days that he shall Muster those of his Company belonging to the Training Band, call those of the Alarm List, within the Limits of the same together, within the town where they are Inhabitants, & examine their Arms and Accoutrements; and if any such Person, belonging to the Alarm List, shall unnecessarily neglect to appear, after being duly warned, with his Arms and Accoutrements, he shall be liable to pay the same Fine, as is provided against those of the Training Band, in like Cases offending: And all Fines and Forfeitures, arising by Breach of this Act, against any of the said Alarm List, shall be recovered in the same Manner, as is provided for recovering the same against those of the Training Band, in like Case offending: And all those persons in the Alarm List, shall be as capable of being elected to any Office in the said Militia, as if they were in the Training Band. And no person belonging to, or being a Part of the established Forces of the United American Colonies, or of this Colony, shall, during the time of his Engagement in the Services aforesaid, be elected to, or hold any Office in the Militia of this Colony.—

18. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That there shall be appointed by the General Assembly, a Deputy-Commissary for every Regiment; a Certificate of which Appointment shall be sent them by the Secretary; and they shall be duly sworn to a faithful Discharge of the said Office:—Which Deputies shall be accountable to, and obey the Commands in Matters respecting their Office, of the Commissary of this Colony.

And when the Militia of any Town in this Colony, or a part thereof, shall be drawn forth for the immediate Defence of this, or any of the United Colonies aforesaid, each Officer and Soldier shall provide for himself, at least three Days allowance of Provisions; and the Selectmen of such Town shall immediately cause Carriages to attend them with further necessary Provisions, and Utensils to cook the same, and shall continue sending to the Commissary, or his Deputy, sufficient Supplies for the part of the Mi-

litia, from their respective Towns aforesaid, until Certificates shall be given by the Commissary, or his Deputy, in the Regiment from which said Militia goes, that the same can be otherwise supplied: And the Selectmen are directed to cause their Accounts of the Provision aforesaid, that shall be supplied by them, or such of the Utensils as shall be lost or damaged, together with the Charges of Transportation, to be laid before the General Court for Allowance, and to produce Receipts from the Commissary, or his Deputies, for such a part thereof as shall be delivered to them respectively.—

19. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a Stock of Powder and Ammunition in each Town provided, and constantly kept; which shall be one Barrel of good Gunpowder, containing one Hundred pounds, three Hundred Weight of Leaden Balls of different Sizes, & Buck Shot, & three Hundred Flints for every sixty Soldiers of the Training Band, and the same Proportion for any greater or lesser Number; and the Selectmen of every Town in this Colony, shall procure and provide such Stock of Ammunition, as soon as may be; and the Selectmen of each Town shall be, and hereby are, impowered to raise Money by Tax, on the Polls and Estates of their Town, for the purposes aforesaid, by the same Rule as other Town Charges are assured and shall by Warrant under their Hands, commit the same to the Constable or Constables of their Town, who are hereby impowered and directed to collect the same, in the same Manner as is provided for the Collector of other Taxes, and shall be held to pay the same to the Selectmen or Town Treasurer, as other Taxes, and shall be liable, in Case of Default, to have the same levied of them by an Execution from the said Selectmen or Treasurer, as in other Cases of a delinquent Constable, is provided: And the said Selectmen, or Treasurer is hereby impowered to award the same.

20. And be it further enacted, that there be Military Watches appointed, and kept in every Town, at such Time, and in such Places, and in such Numbers, and under such Regulations, as the Commission Officers of such Town shall appoint, or as they may receive Orders from the chief Officer of their Regiment; and that all Persons within the Training Band or Alarm List under Sixty Years of Age, shall by themselves, or some meet person in their Stead, to the Acceptance of the Commander of the Watch, attend the same on Penalty of five Shillings for each Defect, there having been due Warning given.—And the Commission Officers, or the Major part of them of any Town are hereby ordered and directed, to proportion the Burthen of such watches equally on those in the Training Band, & Alarm List, excepting such as are more than Sixty Years of Age, as aforesaid, under the Penalty of being dealt with in the manner provided by this Act against those who shall be guilty of Fraud, or the lawless Exercise of Power.

21. And be it further enacted, That each and every Fine and Forfeiture arising by breach of this Act, when recovered shall be

paid to the Selectmen or Treasurer of the Town in which the Person offending has his usual Place of Abode, to be by the Selectmen of such Town appropriated to the use of purchasing Guns and Accoutrements, for those who are unable to purchase the same for themselves, and for purchasing Drums and Fifes, and if paid to the Treasurer to be drawn out by the Selectmen of each Town from Time to Time, as there shall be occasion.

In the House of Representatives July 6th 1776, The foregoing bill having been read a Third time Voted that it pass to be Enacted

Sent up for Concurrence

P WHITE SPEAKER

Resolved, that the Militia of this Colony, or any Detachment, or part thereof, as well Officers as private Soldiers, when drawn out, or ordered to be drawn out on an Alarm for the immediate Defence of this, or any other of the united Colonies of America, shall from Time to Time be under the following Laws, or Articles of War, and Regulations, viz.—

Article 1st That when any Officer of the Militia of this Colony, shall refuse, or neglect to call forth the Militia under his Command, being thereto ordered by his Superior officer, shall pay a Fine not exceeding Ten Pounds, nor less than three Pounds, and be removed from his Office.—

Art. 2. And when any Non-Commission Officer, or private Soldier shall refuse or neglect to notify, or warn any of the Non-commissioned Officers, or private Soldiers of the Company to which he belongs, being thereto order'd by his Superior Officer, he shall pay a Fine not exceeding forty Shillings, nor less than Ten Shillings; and if a Non-Commission'd Officer be reduced to the Ranks.

Art 3. And if any Non-commission'd Officer or private Soldier being warn'd and order'd thereto, shall unnecessarily neglect, or refuse to appear at the Time and place appointed by the commanding Officer, or to march when Order'd by his Superior Officer, he shall pay a Fine not exceeding the sum of three pounds, nor less than twenty Shillings.

Art. IV. And all the Fines, Forfeitures, & Punishments, incurred by Breach of the foregoing Rules, or Articles, shall, if not exceeding forty Shillings, be tried & recovered, and determined before any Justice of the Peace, and if exceeding forty Shillings, shall be tried and determined by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, in the County where such Delinquent hath his usual place of Abode. And every such Justice, or Court are hereby empowered, upon Complaint being made to hear and determine the same; and all Fines and Forfeitures of Money so recovered shall be paid into the Hands of the Select Men or Treasurer of the Town where such Offender hath his usual place of Abode, for purchasing Drums, Fifes and other Military Equipments.

Art 5. And whenever the Alarm List or any part of them, are ordered to march out of the Town wherein they have their usual place of abode, agreeable to the Laws for regulating the Militia of this Colony, if the commanding Officer of the Regiment judges it necessary that they should be imbodied in one, or more Companies, and organiz'd with proper Officers, he may make such Division, and direct each Company thereof immediately to choose a Captain two Lieutenants and an Ensign four Serjeants, four Corporals, one Drummer, and one Fifer, or such of those Officers as he may judge necessary to command that particular Detachment of the Alarm List; and in Case such Company or Companies refuse, or neglect to choose such Officer or Officers, the major part of the Field Officers of the Regiment they belong to then present may appoint such Officers by Warrant. And all such Officers so chosen shall be consider'd and obey'd as the proper Officers of such Company or Companies as fully as if appointed in any other Manner for that particular Campaign; and shall be subject to the Commands they may receive from their Field, or other superior Officers from Time to Time.

Art. 6. Whatsoever non-commission'd Officer, or Soldier, shall use any unlawful Oath, or Execration, shall pay a Fine of One Shilling for the first Offence, and for the second Offence, shall not only forfeit and pay a Fine of one Shilling, but be confined not exceeding twenty four Hours, and for every like Offence shall Suffer, and pay in like Manner, and if a commission'd Officer be thus guilty of prophane Cursing or Swearing, he shall forfeit, and pay for each and every such Offence, the sum of Four Shillings, lawful Money.—

Art 7. Any Officer, or Soldier, who shall behave himself with Contempt; or Disrespect toward the General or Commanders in Chief of the Militia of this Colony, or shall speak false Words, tending to his or their Hurt, or Dishonor, shall be punished according to the nature of his Offence, by the Judgment of a general Court Martial.

Art 8. Any Officer, or Soldier, who shall begin, excite, cause, or join in any Mutiny, or sedition in the Regiment, Troop, or Company to which he belongs, or in any other Regiment, Troop, or Company of the Militia of this Colony, either by Land, or Sea, or in any Party, Post, Detachment, or Guard, on any pretence whatsoever, shall suffer such Punishment as by a General Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 9. Any Officer, Non-Commission'd Officer or Soldier, who being present at any Mutiny, or Sedition, does not use his utmost Endeavours to suppress the same, or coming to the Knowledge of any Mutiny, or intended Mutiny, does not, without delay, give Information thereof to the Commanding Officer, shall be punished by Order of a general Court Martial, according to the nature of his Offence.

Art. 10. Any Officer, or Soldier, who shall strike his Superior Officer, or draw, or offer to draw, or shall lift up any Weapon, or offer any Violence against him, being in the Execution of his Office, on any Pretence whatsoever, or shall disobey any lawful Commands of his superior Officer, shall suffer such punishment as shall, according to the nature of his Offence, be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.—

Art. 11. Any Non-commission'd Officer, or Soldier, who shall desert, or without Leave of his commanding Officer, absent himself from the Troop, or Company to which he belongs, or from any Detachment of the same, shall, upon being convicted thereof, be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, at the Discretion of a general Court Martial.

Art. 12. Whatsoever Officer, or Soldier, shall be convicted of having advised, or persuaded any other Officer, or Soldier to desert, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be order'd by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.—

Art. 13. All Officers, of what Condition soever, shall have Power to part and quell all Quarrels, Frays, and Disorders, though the Persons concern'd should belong to another Regiment, Troop, or Company; & either order Officers to be arrested, or Non-Commissioned Officers, or Soldiers, to be confined and imprisoned, 'till their proper Superior Officers shall be acquainted therewith; and whoever shall refuse to obey such officer (though of an inferior Rank) or shall draw his Sword upon him shall be punished at the Discretion of a general Court Martial—

Art. 14. No Officer, or Soldier, shall use any reproachful or provoking Speeches, or Gestures to another; nor shall presume to send a Challenge to any Person to fight a Duel: And whosoever shall knowingly, and willingly suffer any Person whatsoever to go forth to fight a Duel; or shall second, promote, or carry any Challenge, shall be deemed as a Principal: And whatsoever Officer, or Soldier, shall upbraid another for refusing a Challenge, shall also be considered as a Challenger: And all such Offenders in any of these, or such like Cases, shall be punished at the Discretion of a general Court Martial.

Art. 15. Every Officer commanding in Quarters, or on a March, shall keep good Order, and to the Utmost of his Power, redress all such Abuses or Disorders, which may be committed by any Officer, or Soldier under his Command; if upon any Complaint made to him of Officers, or Soldiers beating, or otherwise ill-treating any person, or of committing any kind of Riot, to the disquieting of the Inhabitants of this Continent; he the said Commander, who shall refuse, or omit to see Justice done on the Offender, or Offenders, & Reparation made to the Party, or Parties injured, shall, upon due proof thereof, be punished as ordered by a general Court Martial, in such manner as if he himself had committed the Crime, or Disorders complain'd of.

Art. 16. If any Officer should think himself to be wronged by his Colonel or the commanding Officer of the Regiment, and shall upon due Application made to him, be refused to be redressed, he may Complain to the General or commanding Officer, in order to obtain Justice, who is hereby required to examine into said Complaint, and see that Justice be done.—

Article 17. If any inferior Officer, or Soldier, shall think himself wronged by his Captain, or other Officer commanding the Troop, or Company to which he belongs, he is to complain thereof to the commanding Officer of the Regiment, who is hereby required to Summon a Regimental Court Martial for the doing Justice to the Complainant; from which Regimental Court Martial either party may, if he thinks himself still aggrieved, appeal to a general Court Martial; but if upon a second Hearing, the Appeal shall appear to be vexatious, and groundless, the Person so appealing shall be punished at the Discretion of the general Court Martial.—

Art 18. Whatsoever non-commission'd Officer, or Soldier, shall be convicted, at a regimental Court Martial of having sold, or designedly, or through Neglect, wasted the Ammunition, Arms, or Provisions, or other Military Stores, delivered out to him, to be employed in the Service of this Colony, shall, if an Officer be reduced to a private Centinal; and if a private Soldier, shall suffer such punishment, as shall be ordered by a regimental Court Martial.—

Art. 19. All Non-commission'd Officers, & Soldiers, who shall be found one mile from the Camp, without Leave in Writing from their commanding Officer, shall suffer such Punishment as shall be inflicted on him, or them, by the Sentence of a regimental Court Martial.—

Art. 20. No Officer, or Soldier shall lie out of his Quarters, or Camp, without Leave from the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, upon Penalty of being punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by order of a regimental Court Martial.—

Art. 21. Every Non-commission'd Officer & Soldier, shall retire to his Quarters, or Tent, at the Beating of the Retreat; in Default of which, he shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by Order of the commanding Officer.—

Art. 22. No Officer, Non-commission'd Officer, or Soldier, shall fail of repairing, at the Time fixed, to the Place of Parade, or Exercise, or other Rendezvous appointed by the commanding Officer, if not prevented by Sickness, or some other evident Necessity; or shall go from the said place of Rendezvous, or from his Guard, without Leave from his commanding Officer, before he shall be regularly dismissed, or relieved, on Penalty of being punished According to the Nature of the Offence, by the Sentence of a regimental Court Martial.—

Art. 23. Whatsoever commissioned Officer shall be found Drunk on his Guard, Party, or other Duty under Arms, shall be cashiered for it; any Non-Commission Officer, or Soldier, so offending, shall suffer such Punishment, as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a regimental Court Martial.—

Art. 24. Whatsoever Centinal shall be found Sleeping upon his Post, or shall leave it before he shall be regularly relieved, shall suffer such Punishment, as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.—

Art. 25. Any Person belonging to the Militia of this Colony, who by discharging of Fire Arms, beating of Drums, or any other means whatsoever, shall occasion false Alarms in Camp, or Quarters shall suffer such Punishment as shall be order'd by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.—

Art. 26. Any Officer, or Soldier, who shall without urgent Necessity, or without Leave of his superior Officer, quit his Platoon, or Division shall be punished according to the Nature of his Offence, by the Sentence of a regimental Court Martial.

Art. 27. No Officer or Soldier shall do Violence, or offer any Insult, or Abuse to any Person who shall bring Provisions, or other Necessarys to the Camp, or Quarters of the Militia of this Colony; any Officer, or Soldier, so offending, shall upon complaint being made to the Commanding Officer, suffer such Punishment as shall be order'd by a regimental Court Martial.

Art. 28. Whatsoever Officer, or Soldier, shall shamefully abandon any Post committed to his Charge, or shall speak Words inducing others to do the like, in Time of an Engagement, shall suffer Death immediately, by order of the Commanding Officer of Such party.

Art. 29. Any Person belonging to the Militia of this Colony, who shall make known the Watch word to any Person who is not intitled to receive it, according to the Rules, and Discipline of War, or shall presume to give a Parole, or Watch word different from what he received, shall suffer Death, or Such other Punishment as shall be ordered by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art. 30. Whosoever belonging to the Militia of this Colony shall relieve the Enemy with Money, Victuals, or Ammunition, or shall knowingly harbour, or protect an Enemy, shall suffer such Punishment as by a general Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 31. Whosoever belonging to the Militia of this Colony, shall be convicted of holding Correspondence with, or giving intelligence to the Enemy, either directly, or indirectly shall suffer such Punishment as by a general Court Martial shall be ordered.

Art. 32. All public Stores taken in the Enemy's Camp, or Magazine, whether of Artillery, Ammunition, Cloathing, or Provisions, shall be secured for the use of this Colony.

Art. 33^d If any Officer, or Soldier, shall leave his Post or Colours, in Time of an Engagement, to go in search of Plunder, he shall, upon being convicted thereof before a general Court Martial suffer such Punishment, as by said Court Martial shall be ordered.—

Article 34. If any Commander of any Post, Intrenchment, or Fortress, shall be compelled, by the Officers or Soldiers under his Command, to give it up to the Enemy, or to abandon it, the Commissioned Officer, Non-Commission Officers, or Soldiers, who shall be convicted, of having so offended, shall suffer Death, or such other Punishment as may be inflicted upon them by the Sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art 35. All Sutlers, and Retailers to a Camp, and all Persons Whatsoever, serving with the Militia of this Colony in the Field, though not enrol'd in the Militia, are to be subject to the Articles, Rules, and Regulations of the Militia of this Colony.—

Art 36. No general Court Martial shall consist of a less Number than Nine, none of which shall be under the Degree of a Commissioned Officer ; and the President shall be a Field Officer : And the President of each and every Court Martial, whether general, or regimental shall have Power to Administer an Oath to every Witness, in order to the Trial of Offenders. And the Members of all Courts Martial, shall be duly sworn by the President ; and the next in Rank on the Court Martial shall administer the Oath to the President.

Art. 37. The Members both of General, & regimental Courts Martial, shall, when belonging to different Corps, take the same Rank which they hold in the Militia ; but when Courts Martial shall be composed of Officers of one Corps, they shall take their Ranks According to their Commissions by which they are muster'd in the said Corps.

Art. 38. All the Members of a Court Martial are to behave with Calmness, Decency, & impartiality ; and in the giving of their Votes, are to begin with the Youngest, or lowest in Commission.

Art. 39. No Field Officer shall be tried by any Person under the Degree of a Captain ; nor shall any Proceedings, or Trials be carried on excepting between the Hours of eight in the Morning, and three in the Afternoon, except in Cases which require an immediate Example.

Art. XL. The Commissioned Officers of every Regiment may, by the Appointment of their Colonel, or Commanding Officer, hold Regimental Courts Martial for the enquiring into such Disputes, or Criminal Matters as may come before them, and for the inflicting corporal punishments for small Offences, and shall give Judgment by the Majority of Voices ; but no Sentence shall be executed 'till the commanding Officer (not being a Member of the Court Martial) shall have confirmed the same.

Art. XLI. No Regimental Court Martial shall Consist of less than five Officers, excepting in cases where that Number cannot be conveniently Assembled, when three may be sufficient; who are likewise to determine upon the Sentence by the Majority of Voices; which Sentence is to be Confirmed by the Commanding Officer, not being a Member of the Court Martial.

Art. XLII. Every Officer, Commanding in any Forts, Castle, or Barracks, or elsewhere, where the Corps Under his Command consists of Detachments from Different Regiments, or of independent Companies, May Assemble Courts Martial for the Trial of Offenders in the same Manner as if they were Regimental, whose Sentence is not to be executed 'till it shall be Confirmed by the said Commanding Officer.

Art. XLIII. No Person whatsoever shall use menacing Words, Signs, or Gestures, in the presence of a Court Martial then sitting, or shall Cause any Disorder or Riot, so as to disturb their proceedings, on the penalty of being punished at the Discretion of the said Court Martial.

Art. 44. To the end that Offenders may be brought to Justice, whenever any Officer, or Soldier shall Commit a Crime deserving punishment, he shall by his Commanding Officer, if an Officer, be put in Arrest; if a Non-commissioned Officer, or Soldier, be imprisoned 'till he shall be either tried by a Court Martial, or shall be Lawfully discharged by proper Authority.

Art. 45. No Officer, or Soldier, who shall be put in Arrest, or Imprisonment, shall continue in his Confinement more than eight days, or 'till such time as a Court Martial can be Conveniently Assembled.

Art. 46. No Officer Commanding a Guard, or Provost Marshal, shall refuse to receive, or keep any Prisoner Committed to his Charge, by an Officer belonging to the Militia of this Colony, which Officer shall at the same time deliver an Account in Writing, Signed by himself, of the Crime with which the said Prisoner is Charged.

Art. 47. No Officer commanding a Guard, or Provost Marshal, shall presume to release any Prisoner Committed to his Charge, without proper Authority for so doing; nor shall he suffer any Prisoner to escape on penalty of being punished for it by the sentence of a general Court Martial.

Art. 48. Every Officer, or a Provost Marshal to whose Charge Prisoners shall be Committed, is hereby required, within twenty four hours after Such Commitments, or as soon as he shall be Relieved from his Guard to give in Writing to the Colonel of the Regiment to whom the Prisoner belongs (where the Prisoner is Confined upon the Guard belonging to the Said Regiment, and that his Offence Only relates to the Neglect of Duty in his own Corps) or to the Commander in Chief, their Names, their Crimes, and the Names of the Officers who Committed them, on the Penalty

of being punished for his Disobedience or Neglect, at the Discretion of a general Court Martial.

Art. 49. And if any Officer under Arrest shall leave his Confinement before he is at Liberty by the Officer who Confined him or by a Superior Power, he Shall be Cashiered for it.

Art. 50. Whatsoever Commissioned Officer shall be Convicted before a general Court-Martial of behaving in a Scandalous, infamous Manner, such as is unbecoming the Character of an Officer and a Gentleman, shall be discharged from being an Officer of the Militia of this Colony.

Art 51. All Officers, Conductors, Gunners, Matrosses, Drivers, or any other persons whatsoever receiving pay or hire, in the Service of this Colony, Artillery shall be govern'd by the aforesaid Rules, and Articles, and Shall be Subject to be tried by Courts Martial, in like Manner with the Officers and Soldiers of this Colony Troops of Militia.

Art. 52. For Differences arising amongst themselves, or in matters relating solely to their own Corps, the Courts Martial may be Composed of their Own Officers, but where a Number Sufficient of such Officers cannot be Assembled, or in Matters wherein other Corps are Interested, the Officers of Artillery shall sitt in Courts Martial with the Officers of the Other Corps.

Art 53. All Crimes not Capital, and all Disorders, and Neglects which Officers, and Soldiers, may be guilty of, to the prejudice of good Order, and Military Discipline, though not Mentioned in the Articles of War, are to be taken Cognizance of by a General or Regimental Court Martial, According to the Nature and Degree of the Offence, and be punished at their Discretion.

Art. 54. That no person shall be sentenced by a Court Martial to suffer Death except in Cases expressly Mentioned in the foregoing Articles, nor shall any punishment be inflicted at the Discretion of a Court Martial Other than degrading, Cashiering, drumming out the Camp, whipping not exceeding thirty Nine Lashes, fine, or Imprisonment, not Exceeding one Month.

Art. 55. The Field Officers of each, and every Regiment are to appoint some suitable person belonging to such Regiment, to receive all such fines as may arise within the same, for any breach of any of the foregoing Articles, and shall direct the same to be Carefully and properly Applied to the Relief of such Sick, Wounded, or Necessitous Soldiers, as belong to such Regiment; and such Person shall Account with such Officer for all Fines received, and the Application thereof.

Art. 56. All Members sitting in Courts Martial shall be Sworn by the President of said Courts which President shall himself be sworn by the Officer in said Court next in Rank; The Oath to be Administred previous to their proceeding to the Tryal of any Offenders in form following. Viz^t You A B Swear, that you will well and truly try, and impartially determine the Cause of the

Prisoner now to be tried, According to the Rules for regulating the Militia of this Colony. So help you God

Art. 57. all Persons called to give Evidence in any Case, before a Court Martial who shall refuse to give evidence shall be punished for such Refusal, at the Discretion of such Court Martial : The Oath to be Administred in the form following, viz^t.

You Swear the evidence you shall give in the Case Now in hearing, shall be the Truth, the whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth. So help you God.

Art. 58. That the General, or Commanding Officer of any Detachment for the time being, shall have full power of pardoning, or Mitigating any of the punishments Ordered to be Inflicted, for any of the Offences Mentioned in any of the foregoing Articles, and every Offender Convicted as aforesaid, by any Regimental Court Martial, may be pardoned, or have his punishment Mitigated by the Colonel, or Officer Commanding the Regiment.

Art. 59. and as it may frequently happen, that the Militia may be Called forth to service in Detachments, so small as will not admitt of a Sufficient Number of Officers to Constitute a general Court Martial, and as many Offences are triable only by a general Court Martial, According to the foregoing Articles—Therefore in all such Cases every Offence triable by a general Court Martial, may be tried by a Regimental Court Martial, unless Capital Offences. and in all Cases where there are not Officers Sufficient to Constitute a Regimental Court Martial, all Offences except capital shall be determined by the major part of the Officers present in such Detachment, provided no Number less than three Commissioned Officers shall Constitute such Court Martial.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE USE OF THIS STATE AND TO ENABLE THE TREASURER & RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING & CALLING IN THE SAME.

[Passed Sept. 19, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 16; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 270. Laws, 1780 edition, p. 57.]

Be it Enacted by the Council & Assembly That there be & hereby is Granted for the Use of the Government & People of said State, the Sum of two thousand five hundred pounds Lawful

money, and that in Order to Raise the Same the polls & Estates of the Rateable Inhabitants within this State, Shall be Assess'd and Taxed Agreeable to the Last proportion, the Said Sum of two thousand five hundred pounds Lawful money, and that the same shall be paid into the Treasury by the First day of March next to be Used & Improved as the Council & Assembly may Order: And that the Treasurer & Receiver General of Said State for the time being shall be & hereby is Directed & Required to issue his Warrants for the Assessing Levying and Collecting the Same (and the Sums to be Collected this present Year) on or before the First day of October next.

[*Fifth Session, (Special) Held at Exeter, October 16, 17, 18, 19, 1776.*]

[No Acts.]

[*Sixth Session, Held at Exeter, November 27, 28, 29, 30; December 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1776.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF THE SMALL POX IN THIS STATE.

[Passed Dec. 13, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 17; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 307. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 60. Revived by the acts of March 12, 1778 and Jan. 17, 1782. See acts of Nov. 11, 1788 and Dec. 25, 1792. Repealed Feb. 3, 1789, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 273.]

Whereas the Salutory Ends proposed by the Law of this State entitled "An Act providing in Case of Sickness" are not sufficiently answered thereby but a further Provision is found to be necessary, Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the Authority of the Same, That if any Person without License first had and obtained from the General Assembly, or Committee of Safety for the Time being or from the Selectmen of the Town in which he dwells & two Justices of the Peace in the next Adjacent Towns, shall presume to inoculate him or herself or any other Person, with the Small Pox, or shall be inoculated therefor, each Person so offending Shall pay a Fine of Thirty pounds lawful Money to be recovered by Bill Plaint Information or Indictment of the Grand Jury before the Superior

Court of Judicature within this State, the one half thereof to the Use of the Informer or Prosecutor for the same, and the other half to the Use of the County where such offence shall be Committed. This Act to Continue in force for one year from the Passing thereof and no Longer.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED CAMDEN IN THE
 COUNTY OF CHESHIRE—

[Passed Dec. 13, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 18; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 296. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 57.]

Whereas The Inhabitants of that Tract of Land in the County of Cheshire called Camden have petitioned the General Court representing that they labour under Inconveniencies and Disadvantages by reason of their unincorporated State; and praying that they may be incorporated; of Which due Notice has been given, and no Objection has been made thereto, and it appearing to be for the public Good;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & Assembly—That there be & hereby is a Township erected & incorporated by the Name of Washington bounded Northerly by Fishers-Field Easterly Bradford & Hillsborough Southerly by Stoddard & Campbells Gore (so called) and Westerly by Marlow & Lempster, And the Inhabitants thereof erected into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance & Succession forever. And are hereby Invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Towns in this State hold & enjoy—To Hold to the said Inhabitants & their Successors forever—

And M^r Archibald White is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary & Customary Town Officers giving fourteen Days Notice of the Time Place & Design of such Meeting—and such Officers shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of the Officers in any other Town in this State, And every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the third Monday of March forever.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED NEW MARLBOROUGH
IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

[Passed Dec. 13, 1776. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 19; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 297. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 58.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of that Tract of Land called New Marlborough in the County of Cheshire Setting forth that they labour under Difficulties for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be incorporated; of which due Notice has been given & no Objection has been made, and it appearing to be for the publick Good

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & Assembly That there be & hereby is a Township erected & incorporated by the Name of Marlborough within the following Bounds vizt. Beginning at the Northwest Corner of Dublin & from thence running North Eighty Degrees West three Miles & an half by Packerfield to a Beach Tree standing in the East line of Keene then running Southerly by Keene & Swansey Seven Miles three Quarters & forty Rods to the North West Corner of Fitz William, from thence South Eighty Degrees East about Four Miles by the North line of Fitz William till it comes to the West line of Jaffrey & from thence running North by the Needle by Jaffrey & Dublin to the Bounds first mentioned. And the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land erected into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance & Succession forever. and are hereby invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges & Immunities which any Towns in this State hold and enjoy—To hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever And M^r Thomas Riggs is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary & Customary Town Officers giving fourteen days Notice of the Time place & Design of such Meeting & such Officers shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of the Officers in any other Town in this State and every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Second Tuesday of March forever

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR ASSIGNING & SETTING OFF TO MARGARET LITTLE
RELICT OF MATTHEW LITTLE LATE OF BEDFORD IN THE
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH YEOMAN DECEASED HER DOWER
IN HIS ESTATE; AND FOR VESTING THE FEE OF CERTAIN
LANDS IN SAID BEDFORD IN JAMES CARNES OF SAID BEDFORD
HIS HEIRS & ASSIGNS—

[Passed Dec. 13, 1776, Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 20; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 299.]

Whereas the Said Margaret Little hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth that the said Matthew Little did on the twenty fifth Day of March one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy five by his Deed of Gift, give & grant unto the said James Carnes his heirs & Assigns one half of all his the said Matthew Littles real Estate according to Quantity and Quality in said Bedford, Except the Lot Numbered Five in the Eleventh Range, upon Condition that the said James Carnes should labour and improve the whole of the said deceaseds Farm in Bedford properly, and in due Season render to him Yearly during his natural Life the half of the Profits & Produce of said Farm, and after his Death to the said Margaret annually during her natural Life—And that the said Matthew Little afterwards viz^t, on the twenty Seventh Day of March one thousand seven hundred & Seventy five made his last Will & Testament & thereby did among other Things give & devise to the said James Carnes the other half of said Farm—That on the seventeenth Day of April one thousand Seven hundred & Seventy five the said Testator died & his said Will hath since been proved approved & allowed, and that ever since his Death the said James Carnes hath possessed & Improved the said Farm—But that he refuses to render to her the one half of the Produce of the said Farm according to the Condition of the said Deed & the Intent of the said Testator—And prayed that the said Deed may be Vacated & she be allowed to take her Dower in the whole of said Farm, or that her Grievance might be redressed in any other Manner: Whereupon the said Court ordered that the said James Carnes should be served with a Copy of the Said Petition & a Day given him to appear & shew Cause if any he had why the Prayer of said Petition should not be granted—When the said Carnes appeared and the said Parties were heard on the Premises by a Committee of Both Houses appointed for that Purpose—The Purport of whose Report was that it appeared to them that a Deed had

been made & Executed by the said Deceased to the said James Carnes as represented in the said Petition But that it was not recorded & is destroyed. That the said Parties mutually agreed That the said Committee should recommend, and that they accordingly did recommend that an Act be made to Vest the Fee of said Land contained in said Deed in the said James Carnes his heirs & Assigns; and to appoint a Committee to set off to the said Margaret Little one third Part of the real Estate of said Deceased including the Lands contained in said Deed to hold to her in Severalty during her natural Life—and to require the said Carnes to make good to the said Margaret Little the one half of the Produce of the said Farm for the two Seasons since the Death of the said Testator and that he the said Carnes fulfil & perform the Will of the Testator according to the true intent & meaning of the same.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & Assembly & by the Authority of the Same. That the Fee of two Thirds, & the Reversion after the Death of the said Margaret of the other third of the said Lands, in the said Deed contained be, & hereby is vested in the said James Carnes his heirs & Assigns forever. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that John Goffe Esq^r of Derryfield, James Undewood Esq^r of Litchfield, Moses Kelley Esq^r of Goffestown, Robert McGregore Esq^r of Goffestown and James Betton Esq^r of Wyndham or the major part of them be & hereby are appointed a Committee with full Power & authority to set off to the said Margaret Little one third Part, according to Quantity & Quality, of the real Estate of the said Matthew Little including the said Lands contained in said Deed and are hereby directed to set forth the same by Metes & bounds to hold to her in Severalty during her natural Life and to make Return of their Doings under their or the Major Part of their hands into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the said County of Hillsborough as soon as may be upon oath to their fidelity & Impartiality therein, there to be recorded And that the said Margaret or her Assigns during said Term shall Quietly have hold & enjoy the said Third Part of said Estate the said Gifts notwithstanding

And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said James Carnes be & hereby is required to render & make good unto the said Margaret Little the full Value of the one half of the Produce of the said Farm for the two Seasons last past—and in Case any Doubts or Differences arise concerning the Value thereof that the same be determined by the said Committee or the Major Part of them under their hands upon oath to their Impartiality therein—And that in other respects the said Carnes on his part fulfil and perform the said Will of the said Testator according to the true Intent & meaning thereof.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE CHOICE OF COUNTY TREASURERS
 AND RECORDERS OF DEEDS IN THE SEVERAL COUNTIES IN
 SAID STATE.

[Passed Dec. 13, 1776. Recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 304. Laws, 1780, ed., p. 59; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 50. See act of June 8, 1791. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas in the form of Government established by the late Congress it is directed that the Council & Assembly should ascertain the Manner of choosing County Treasurers & Recorders of Deeds for the several Counties in said State by the People of each County respectively.—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & Assembly and by the Authority of the same, That at the Annual Meeting of each Town and Parish in the respective Counties (if in the Month of March) or at some other Meeting to be appointed for said purpose, to be held in the Month of March, Each Voter shall bring in One Vote for a County Treasurer & One Vote for a Recorder of Deeds, for their respective Counties and that the Votes for a County Treasurer be sealed up in one Paper, and the Votes for a Recorder of Deeds in another, and certified thereon, which are Votes for a Treasurer & which for a Recorder, by the Town or Parish Clerk, who shall return said Votes so sealed up & Certified to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace to be holden next after the said Month of March within & for such County which Votes shall be sorted by a Committee to be appointed by said Court who shall make known to said Court what Person has the highest number of Votes for each of said Offices, and such Person shall by the said Court be declared to be chosen to said Offices respectively & be entered in the Clerk's Book accordingly. And in case there is an equal Number of Votes for any Persons who have the highest Number, the Choice shall be determined by the Votes of the Major part of the Justices of said Court present.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in Case of Refusal, Death or other Incapacity of any such Officer, the said Court shall issue a Precept to the Selectmen of each Town and Parish in such County requiring them to call a Meeting (according to Law, of their Town or Parish respectively to choose another in the manner before directed. And that the said Court shall appoint a Committee which in Case of Death or other incapacity of any such officers shall receive into safe keeping all Records and

Papers belonging to the said Office so vacant, which Committee shall be under Oath for the faithful Performance of said Trust.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all such Recorders of Deeds before they be Qualified for said office shall give Bond to the Speaker of the house of Representatives for the Time being for the use of this State with two sufficient Sureties in the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds for the faithful performance of said Trust—And that all such County Treasurers before they enter upon the Duty of said office shall give bond with two sufficient Sureties to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for such County in the Sum of Two thousand Pounds for the use of such County) for the faithful discharge of said Trust.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Persons who now hold such Offices shall hold & execute the same until such further Choice be made and declared pursuant to this Act.—

[SECOND GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Six Sessions, December 18, 1776, to November 29, 1777.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
George King,*	Portsmouth.
Timothy Walker,	Concord.
Appeared January 14, 1777.	
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Ebenezer Thompson,	Durham.
Jonathan Blanchard,	Dunstable.
Matthew Patten,	Bedford.

*Name changed to Atkinson, Oct. 29, 1779.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Bow and	{	John Bryant.
Dunbarton,		
Brentwood,	{	Samuel Dudley.
Candia,		Samuel Mooers.
Canterbury		Thomas Clough.
and Loudon,		
Chester,		John Webster.
		Robert Wilson.
Chichester, Epsom	{	John McClary.
and Allenstown,		
Concord,		Timothy Walker, Jr.
		Elected to the Council.
		Gordon Hutchins.

Deerfield and }	Jeremiah Eastman.
Northwood, }	Josiah Norris.
Epping,	Samuel Gilman, Jr.
Exeter,	Thomas Odiorne.
Greenland,	Joshua Haines.
Hampstead,	Samuel Little.
Hampton,	Josiah Moulton.
Hampton Falls }	Henry Robie.
and Seabrook, }	Ebenezer Potter.
Kensington,	Samuel Philbrick.
Kingston and }	Moses Barnett.
East Kingston, }	John Bell.
Londonderry,	Richard Downing.
Newington,	Samuel Gilman.
Newmarket,	Levi Dearborn.
North Hampton,	Thomas Bartlett.
Nottingham,	James Gibson.
Pelham,	Jacob Emery.
Pembroke,	Died March 16,
	1777.
	Samuel McConnell.
Plaistow and }	Nathaniel Peabody.
Atkinson, }	John Dudley.
Poplin, and }	John Langdon.
Raymond }	George Gaines.
Portsmouth,	John Pickering.
	Thomas Martin
	Succeeded John
	Pickering March 12,
	1777.
Rye,	Nathan Goss.
Salem,	Jonathan Wheeler.
	Dismissed at his own
	request January 4,
	1777.
	Caleb Dustin.
	Appeared March 12,
	1777.
Sandown and }	Jethro Sanborn.
Hawke, }	Stephen Bartlett.
South Hampton }	
and Newton, }	

Stratham,
Windham,

Benjamin Barker.
James Betton.

Strafford County.

Barrington,
Dover,

Joshua Foss.
Stephen Evans.
John Wentworth, Jr.
John Smith.

Durham,
Gilmanton and }
Barnstead, }
Leavittstown, Wakefield }
and Middleton, }
Lee,
Madbury,
Moultonborough, }
Sandwich and }
Tamworth, }

Joseph Badger.
Simeon Dearborn.
Joseph Sias.
John Demeritt.

Rochester,
Sanbornton }
and Meredith, }
Somersworth,

Jonathan Moulton
Appeared June 4,
1777.
James Knowles.
Ebenezer Smith.
Paul Wentworth.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,

Moses Nicholls.
Peter Woodbury.
Matthew Pettingill.

Boscawen and }
Salisbury, }
Derryfield and }
Goffstown, }
Dunstable,
Francestown }
and New Boston, }
Hillsborough, Hen- }
niker, Deering, and }
Society Land, }
Hollis,
Hopkinton,
Litchfield and }
Nottingham West, }
Mason and }
Raby, }
Merrimack }
and Bedford, }
New Boston, Warner, }
Perrystown and }
Fishersfield, }

John Goffe.
Jonathan Lovewell.
Benjamin Dodge.

Joseph Simonds.
Stephen Ames.
John Putney.
Asa Davis.

Amos Dakin.
Wyseman Claggett.

Francis Davis.

New Ipswich,	William Shattuck.
Temple and }	Francis Blood.
Peterborough, }	George Hadley.
Weare,	Francis Epes.
Wilton, Lyndeborough, }	
Mile Strip and }	
Duxbury Farm, }	
Cheshire County.	
Charlestown,	David Taylor.
	Appeared March 12,
	1777.
Claremont,	Elihu Stevens.
Dublin and }	Joseph Greenwood.
Monadnock No. 5, }	
Hinsdale and }	Michael Cressey.
Chesterfield, }	Timothy Ellis.
Keene,	Obadiah Wilcox.
Marlow, Surry }	
and Alstead, }	Joseph Rounseval.
Packersfield, Stoddard }	Oliver Capron.
and Gilsum, }	Enoch Hale.
Richmond,	Appeared March 12,
Rindge, Jaffrey }	1777.
and Peterborough Slip, }	
Swansey and }	Joseph Hammond.
Fitz-William, }	Appeared March 12,
	1777.
Unity, Acworth, }	Benjamin Giles.
Lempster, Saville, }	
Croydon and }	Christopher Webber.
Newport, }	Ebenezer Britton.
Walpole,	Reuben Alexander.
Westmoreland,	
Winchester,	
Grafton County.	
Apthorp Northum- }	
berland, Stratford, }	
Lancaster, Cock- }	Joseph Whipple.
burne, Shelburne, }	
Conway, Coleburne, }	
and the towns above, }	

Plymouth, Cockermouth }
Alexandria, and New }
Chester }

Francis Worcester.
Appeared March 12,
1777.

Runney, Holderness, }
Campton and }
Thornton, }

Daniel Brainard.

[*First Session, Held at Exeter, December 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31, 1776; January 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1777.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

} *State of* }
} *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE RECEIVER GENERAL TO BORROW A SUM NOT EXCEEDING TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS, ON LOAN FOR ONE YEAR FOR THE USE OF THIS STATE.—

[Passed Jan. 2, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 21; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 301. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 61.]

Whereas it is the indispensable duty of all States and Societies of men, to Defend their lives Liberties and Properties in the Land in which their Great Creator has placed them, against the unlawful Attacks & Depredations of Foreign and Un-natural Enemies. And this State being in want of money to Discharge the Wages of Soldiers & Seamen to Repel the Assaults of the Forces of the King of Great Britain. And inasmuch as Emitting money at this time on the Credit of this State—might be Attended with Great inconvenience and the Public Suffer in a Deprecian of their Currency.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & assembly That the Receiver General be & he is hereby fully Authorized and impowered to borrow on loan for the term of one Year any Sum not exceeding Twenty thousand pounds at Six ½ Cent. for the Use of this State to be Drawn out of the Treasury as the Council and Assembly may order.—

That the Receiver General issue Notes in the form following
Viz.—

The State of New Hampshire Acknowledges the Receipt of
Pounds from A. B. which Said State Promises to pay to
the said A. B. on the day of 177 with Interest

at the Rate of Six ½ Cent. ¾ Annum agreeable to an Act of the
 Council & Assembly passed the day 1777.
 As Witness my hand—

Sec^{ty}

Receiver General

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no one of
 the said Notes to be issued as aforesaid Shall be for a less sum than
 fifteen Pounds, And that the Faith of this State be and hereby is
 pledged to the lender or lenders for Discharge and Payment of the
 said Monies at Such periods as the said Notes shall become due &
 Payable with the Interest thereon.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR ISSUING TREASURER'S NOTES TO THE AMOUNT OF
 THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS TO PAY A BOUNTY TO THE QUOTA
 OF TROOPS RAISED IN THIS STATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE
 UNITED STATES

[Passed Jan. 15, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 22; recorded Acts, vol. 3,
 p. 315. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 63.]

Whereas the speedy raising and marching to the Place of their
 destination the Quota of Troops proportioned to this State for the
 Continental Service is of the Utmost Consequence to the public
 Weal and there not being in the public Treasury Money for that
 Purpose

Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and Assembly and it is
 hereby enacted that George King and Thomas Martin Esq^{rs} be
 authorised & appointed to get three thousand Notes printed and
 deliver them to Nicholas Gilman Esq^r Treasurer of this State
 which Notes shall be in the following Form viz^t

No. ()

State of New Hampshire the——day of——1777 For value
 received for the use of the State of New Hampshire I do in behalf
 of said State hereby promise and oblige Myself—and Successors
 in the Office of Treasurer to pay the Possessor of this Note the
 Sum of —— Pounds on the —— day of ——17 —— with
 Interest at Six per Cent per Annum the Interest to be paid
 annually

Witness my hand

Treasurer

{ Committee

And be it further enacted by the Authority Aforesaid that the said Nicholas Gilman Esq^r sign the aforesaid Notes and fill one thousand of them to be of the Sum of Ten Pounds and the other two thousand of the Sum of five pounds each and that Noah Emery Esq^r and M^r John Smith each of them countersign the same which Notes shall be lodged in the Treasury until ordered from thence by the Council and Assembly

And it is further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in consequence of an order from the Council and Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State for that purpose the said George King and Thomas Martin Esq^{rs} get Fifteen hundred more Notes printed in the same Form as aforesaid and deliver them to the Treasurer who is to sign them & fill up five hundred of them with the Sum of Ten Pounds and the other Thousand with the sum of Five Pounds which Notes shall be Countersigned by the aforesaid Committee & remain in the Treasury for the Purpose aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT AGAINST TREASON AND MISPRISION OF TREASON, AND FOR REGULATING TRIALS IN SUCH CASES, AND FOR DIRECTING THE MODE OF EXECUTING JUDGMENTS AGAINST PERSONS CONVICTED OF THOSE CRIMES.—

[Passed Jan. 17, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 23; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 311. Laws 1780 ed., p. 65; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 226. Repealed June 20, 1792. See additional act of April 6, 1781, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 247.]

Whereas all persons passing through visiting, or making a temporary stay in this state, and enjoying the protection of its Laws during their residence therein, as well as the inhabitants of this state owe Allegiance to the same

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General-Court Assembled that all such persons as above described who shall, either within, or without the limits of this state, levy war, or conspire to levy war against the same, or against any other of the united States of America or shall in any way whatsoever aid the Enemies of either, or all the said united states in carrying on war against them or either of them, and thereof be convicted, such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of Treason against this State, and shall suffer Death without benefit of Clergy.—

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all persons owing Allegiance to any other of the said united-states, who shall

within this State, levy war or conspire to levy war against this or any other of the said united-states, or shall in any way whatsoever aid the Enemies of either or all the said united-States in carrying on war against them, or either of them, and thereof be convicted, such persons shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of Treason against this state and shall suffer as is afore-mentioned.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the concealing or keeping secret any such Treason be deemed Misprision of Treason and the Offender therein shall forfeit to the use of this state all his Goods & Chattels, and the proffits of his lands during his life, and shall be imprisoned at a term not exceeding Five Years at the discretion of the Court before whom he shall be convicted.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any person who shall know of any such Treason committed or intended to be committed, and shall not within fourteen days give information thereof to one of the Justices of the Superior-Court of Judicature, or some Justice of the Peace within this State shall be deemed guilty of Misprision of Treason.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Treasons & Misprisions of Treasons against this state which shall hereafter be committed by any person or persons without this state shall be enquired of, heard and determined before the Justices of the Superior-Court of Judicature within this state in the County where such Offender or Offenders last dwelt, in like manner and form as if such Treasons or Misprisions of Treasons had been committed within the same County.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person, or persons whatsoever shall be tried for such Treasons or Misprisions of Treason within this state until a Bill of Indictment for any such offences against him or them be found by fifteen at least of the Grand-Jurors for the said Superior Court within the County where such Trial is to be had.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any person or persons residing without this state being indicted for any the Treasons or Misprisions of Treasons before described, or any person or persons who after being so indicted shall flee to avoid a Trial such persons may be outlawed and thereupon adjudged for any of the said offences, but if the party so outlawed, within one year next after the said Outlawry pronounced or Judgment given thereon, yield himself unto the Chief-Justice of this state for the time being, and offer to traverse the Indictment whereupon such outlawry is pronounced, that then he shall be admitted to the said Traverse, and being thereupon found not Guilty by the verdict of Twelve good and lawful men he shall be acquitted & discharged of the Outlawry, and of all penalties and Forfeitures by reason of the same. And where after such Outlawry the party Outlawed shall come in

and be tried as aforesaid he shall upon such Trial have the full benefit of this Act as tho' no such Outlawry had been adjudged.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that it such person or persons shall not yield himself or themselves within one year next after sentence of Outlawry he or they shall forfeit to the use of this state their whole Interest and Property real & personal wherever the same may be found—of which real property this state shall be deemed and adjudged to be seized and possessed without any Office found of the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every person whatsoever that shall be accused and indicted for Treason, or for Misprision of Treason shall have a true Copy of the whole indictment delivered unto him or them by the Clerk, forty eight hours at least before he or they shall be arraigned for the same, and also a Copy of the panel of the Jurors who are to try him or them for the like space of time before Trial, and shall be admitted to make his or their defence by Counsel learned in the Law which, if requested, the Court shall assign him or them, to whom such Counsel shall have free access at all seasonable hours.—

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that no person or persons shall be convicted of Treason or Misprision of Treason but upon the testimony of two lawful witnesses at least both of them testifying to the same Treason unless the person indicted voluntarily in open Court, confess the same.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person indicted for Treason or Misprision of Treason and being arraigned thereupon, shall stand mute a Jury shall forthwith be impanelled and sworn to try whether the person so standing mute standeth mute by the providence of God, or fraudulently, wilfully and obstinately. and if they shall return their Verdict that he standeth mute by the providence of God, the Court shall thereupon cause him to be remanded to prison and shall not proceed against him until he shall have recovered therefrom; But if the Jury shall return their verdict that the Prisoner standeth mute fraudulently, wilfully and obstinately then the Court shall cause to be entered upon the Indictment against the Prisoner the plea of Not Guilty, and shall proceed upon his Trial in like manner in all respects as if the Prisoner had voluntarily pleaded the same plea, and put himself upon the Country for his Trial except that the Prisoner shall not be admitted to make any challenges to the Jurors.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every person indicted for Treason or Misprision of Treason who shall have duly pleaded to such Indictment and put himself upon the Country for trial shall be admitted to challenge without assigning any reason, twenty three of the Jury and no more, and as great a number further as he can shew good cause for challenging. And if any person indicted as above, after having voluntarily pleaded

as aforesaid shall refuse to put himself upon the County for Trial, or shall peremptorily challenge a greater number than twenty three the Court shall disallow of all such Challenges over and above the said number of Twenty three, and the Jury shall be charged and the Trial shall proceed in like manner in all respects as if the person so indicted and having pleaded as aforesaid, had duly put himself upon the Country for his Trial and had not peremptorily challenged a greater number than twenty three of the Jury as aforesaid.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Attorney-General or any other person prosecuting for and in behalf of this state shall not be admitted in any case whatsoever, peremptorily to challenge any Juror about to be impanneled for the Trial of any Criminal Accusation or Charge.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person or persons whatsoever shall be indicted or tried for any Treason or for Misprision of Treason that shall be committed in violation of this Act unless the indictment for the same be found within two years next after the offence committed.

And be it further enacted by the same Authority that every person who shall be convicted of Treason within this state and adjudged to suffer death shall be hanged by the Neck, till dead, Any Law, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any person who shall be found guilty of Treason or Misprision of Treason against this State may be pardoned by the Council & House of Representatives of this state by warrant under the seal of this state.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no person upon whom any judgment or sentence of death shall be passed by the Justices of the Superior-Court of Judicature for this state shall be put to death in pursuance of such Judgment or sentence until the whole Record of the Case be certified by the Clerk of the same Court under the seal thereof, to the said Council & House of Representatives, nor till they shall issue a warrant under the seal of this state with a Copy of said Record annexed, directed to the sheriff of the County wherein the Trial of the person so condemned was had commanding the same sheriff in the name of the Government and people of said State to cause execution to be done upon the person so condemned in all things according to the Judgment against him. And the sheriff to whom such warrant shall be directed is hereby authorized and required to execute the same in due form of Law.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR PREVENTING AND PUNISHING SUCH OFFENCES
 AGAINST THE STATE AS DO NOT AMOUNT TO TREASON OR
 MISPRISION OF TREASON.—

[Passed Jan. 17, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 24; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 308. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 63. Repealed June 20, 1792. See additional act of April 6, 1781, Laws 1780 ed., p. 247.]

Whereas this state, in conjunction with the other united-states of America, is now at war with Great-Britain, in defence of all that is dear and sacred to men, and there is but too much reason to fear that many among ourselves are not only disaffected to the cause but are daily striving, by every means in their power, to injure it, and ruin their Country

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General-Court assembled, that if any person or persons within this state, shall in anyway whatsoever discourage, or attempt to discourage any person or persons from enlisting in the American Army or joining and assisting their Arms either by sea or land in prosecuting the war aforesaid or from continuing in such service after being engaged therein—such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor against this State, unless the party accused shall make it appear upon the Trial that he was not influenced by any motives inconsistent with the public-good but was a friend and well-wisher to the common cause aforesaid—upon which he shall be acquitted and discharged.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons within this state, shall publickly and openly speak against the common-cause before-mentioned, or endeavour by any methods, public or private to disaffect the minds of others towards it, such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor against this state.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons within this state shall wittingly and willingly make, or spread any false news, or reports with intent to deceive any of the inhabitants or people of this state and to injure the common-cause—such person, or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor against this state.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every person convicted of either of the misdemeanors aforesaid shall be punished by a fine not exceeding forty shillings for the first offence, and double that sum for each offence afterwards at the discretion of the Justice before whom such trial is had, and shall recognize

in the sum of ten pounds, with two sureties, for his or their good behaviour and to appear at the next Court of Quarter Sessions to be holden within the County where such offence is committed. And shall stand committed until sentence be performed. And in default of the payment of such fine, or fines shall be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six, nor less than three months. saving to the party so convicted, the liberty of appealing to the next Sessions of the peace within the same County. He or they giving Bonds in a reasonable sum to prosecute said Appeal to Effect.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Justice of the peace within his respective County in this state is hereby impowered to try either of the offences or misdemeanors before-mentioned, on Complaint or any other certain information who may issue his warrant to apprehend such offender—And proceed in the same manner and form as hath heretofore been practised in this state in other offences against the Peace.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority afore said that if any person or persons within this state, shall wilfully refuse to submit to the Government & Laws thereof, or to the authority of any Magistrate or Officer of the same—such person or persons, so offending—upon conviction thereof before the Court of Sessions for the County where such offender dwells—(who are impowered to try the same on presentment thereof by the Grand Jury for said Court) shall be punished by a fine, not exceeding ten pounds at the discretion of s^d Court—& may be imprisoned for a term not exceeding six months—saving to the party so convicted, the liberty of appealing to the superior-Court of Judicature within this State. he giving Bonds in a reasonable sum to prosecute the same to Effect.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all fines arising by virtue of this Act—be paid to the several County-Treasurers within this state—for the use of the respective Counties where such offences may be committed.

[CHAPTER 5]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, INTITLED "AN ACT FOR FORMING AND REGULATING THE MILITIA, WITHIN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE IN NEW-ENGLAND, AND FOR REPEALING ALL THE LAWS HERETOFORE MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

[Passed Jan. 18, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 25; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 322. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 73. The act referred to is dated Sept. 19, 1776. See additional act of June 26, 1779. Repealed March 18, 1780.]

Whereas during the present War between Great Britain and the united States of America, there may be frequent Occasion to draft Men to serve therein; and no provision having been made therefor in the before recited Act.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that when and so often as it shall happen that there be an immediate call for a number of Soldiers to serve in the War aforesaid—and a sufficient number not appearing by voluntary Inlistment for that purpose, it shall and may be lawful for the Field Officers of the respective Regiments in this State, or the major part of them (on receiving Orders from the Major General) to issue Warrants to the Captains of the several Companies therein, to call the same with the Alarm List together in the most convenient place (giving them such notice as the Emergency and other circumstances may admit of) and to draft such a proportion thereof as shall be made in their respective Warrants, provided a sufficient number do not appear to serve by voluntary Inlistment as aforesaid.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when and so often as any person or persons drafted to serve as afores^d shall refuse or neglect to make a reasonable excuse to the acceptance of the person or persons by whom he is so drafted or to pay into their hands the sum of Ten pounds—he shall be held and taken to be a soldier in the service for which he was so drafted, And if any soldier neglect or refuse to march when ordered there-to according to the mode prescrib'd in the before-recited Act unless he produces a discharge from or provides some able-bodied man in his stead to the acceptance of the persons herein impowered to draft him, he shall forfeit and pay into the hands of such persons the sum of twelve pounds in default of w^{ch} payment the same shall be recovered on Complaint made by the Clerk of the Company to which such person or persons so drafted, belong, before two

Justices of the peace (*Quorum Unus*) of the same County, who are hereby impowered to try and adjudge the same and to issue execution for such Fine, and the legal Costs, and all fines arising from the Breaches of this Act shall be delivered into the hands of the Selectmen of the Town or Towns where such Delinquents shall reside, to be by them applied for the purpose of hiring some person, or persons to serve in the stead of him or them so refusing.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR REGULATING THE PRICES OF SUNDRY ARTICLES THEREIN ENUMERATED.—

[Passed Jan. 18, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 26 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 317. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 69. See additional act of April 10, 1777. Repealed Nov. 27, 1777.]

Whereas the exorbitant price of the necessary and convenient articles of life, and also of labour, within this State at this time of distress (unless speedily and effectually remedied) will be attended with the most fatal and pernicious Consequences—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, that the rates and prices of the several Articles herein-after enumerated be, and hereby are, limited, within this state, as follows, viz^t

Good merchantable Wheat shall not exceed the price of seven shillings and six pence $\frac{7}{8}$ Bushel.

Good merchantable Rye shall not exceed the price of four shillings and six pence per Bushel.

Good merchantable Indian-Corn shall not exceed the price of three shillings and six pence per Bushel.—

Good merchantable Oats shall not exceed the price of Two shillings per Bushel.

Good merchantable Peas shall not exceed the price of Eight shillings per Bushel.

Good merchantable Beans shall not exceed the price of six shillings per Bushel.—

Potatoes of the best sort shall not in the fall of the year, exceed one shilling and four pence, nor at any season two shillings, per Bushel.—

American made Cheese shall not exceed six pence per pound.—

Butter of the best quality, shall not exceed Ten pence per pound.—

Pork, weighing from five, to seven scores shall not exceed four pence half penny per pound—

from seven to ten scores, shall not exceed four pence three farthings per pound. And all above ten scores shall not exceed five pence per pound.—

Salted-Pork by the Barrel, containing two hundred and twenty pounds weight, shall not exceed the price of Five pounds.—

Grass-fed Beef of the best quality shall not exceed three pence per pound, and in that proportion for State-fed Beef, and likewise Beef of an inferior quality.

Good tried-Tallow shall not exceed seven pence, half penny by the single pound.

Mutton shall not exceed the price per pound herein set for Beef

Veal shall not exceed three pence per pound.

Raw-Hides shall not exceed three pence per pound.

Good soal-Leather shall not exceed one shilling and six pence per pound.—

Upper Leather in proportion.

Men's neat-leather Shoes of the best sort shall not exceed Eight shillings per pair.

Other Shoes in proportion according to their quality.—

Good merchantable West India Rum shall not exceed Six shillings and eight pence per Gallon by the Hogshead—seven shillings and eight pence per single Gallon—and two shillings by the single Quart. and so in like proportion for smaller quantities, according to the former custom of retailers.—saving an Allowance of one penny per Gallon for every ten miles the same shall be conveyed by Land carriage from the first Port of delivery for the charge and risque of transporting the same.

New-England Rum of the best Quality shall not exceed three shillings and ten pence per Gallon by the Hogshead ; four shillings per Gallon by the Barrel ; and four shillings and sixpence by the single Gallon, at the ports & places where the same shall be distilled (exclusive of the Cask) and in like proportion for smaller quantities, saving the same allowance for carriage from the place of distilling as is herein before made for West India Rum.—

Best Muscavado Sugar shall not exceed fifty four shillings per hundred weight by the Hogshead. Sixty shillings by the single hundred weight. and Eight pence by the single pound. at the first Port of delivery, allowing nine pence per hundred weight for every ten miles land-carriage from the said first Port of delivery.—

Molasses of the best quality shall not exceed three shillings and four pence per Gallon by the Hogshead, three shillings and eight pence per Gallon by the Barrel ; and four shillings by the single Gallon—at the first port of delivery allowing one penny per Gallon for every ten miles land-carriage from the said first Port of Delivery.—

Good merchantable Salt shall not exceed ten shillings per Bushel. Allowing a reasonable price for Transportation.

Good Coffee shall not exceed one shilling and four pence per single pound.

Cotton shall not exceed three shillings per pound by the Bag, and three shillings and eight pence per single pound.

Good well-dressed Merchantable Flax shall not exceed One shilling per pound.—

Good merchantable Sheep's Wool shall not exceed Two shillings, and two pence per pound.

Men's good yarn Stockings shall not exceed six shillings per pair—and in that proportion for those of an inferior quality.—

Good yard-wide strip't Flannel shall not exceed three shillings, and six pence per yard, and other Flannels in proportion according to their widths and Qualities, and other Woolen Cloths in like proportion.

Good yard-wide Tow-Cloth shall not exceed Two shillings and three pence per yard, and so in proportion according to its Quality.

Coarse-Linnens, yard-wide shall not exceed four shillings per yard—and in that proportion according of other widths & Qualities.

Good Cotton Cloth & Cotton and Linnen Cloth yard-wide shall not exceed three shillings and eight pence per yard—and so in proportion if of different widths and qualities.

Good New-England Bar-Iron shall not exceed forty shillings per hundred weight at the Iron-works.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid. That the prices of European Goods, and Merchandize which have been, or shall be, imported into this state, as also all Goods & Merchandize brought into the same in any prize vessel be regulated as follows viz^t Woolen Goods, Coarse Linnens, Duck, Ticklingburgs & Oznabrigs shall not be sold by wholesale at a higher advance than in the proportion of Two hundred & Seventy five pounds for what cost One hundred pounds of like money in Europe. And all other Goods wares, and Merchandizes imported from thence or brought into this State in any prize vessel (warlike and military stores excepted) shall be sold by wholesale at an advance not exceeding Two hundred and fifty pounds for what cost One hundred pounds of like money in Europe.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no Trader, Shop-keeper or other person shall vend any Goods, wares or merchandizes (imported and brought in as aforesaid) by Retail, at a higher advance than twenty $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent upon the wholesale price as before limited making a reasonable allowance for the risque & charge of land-Carriage from the first place of purchase.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no Goods, wares or merchandizes shall be sold at vendue or public-Sale at a higher rate than is before limited.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the price of farming labour shall not, in the Summer season, exceed three shillings and four pence ^p day, and So in the usual proportion at other Seasons of the Year—and the Labour of Mechanics and Tradesmen, and other Labour to be computed according to the usages and customs that have heretofore been adopted and practised in this State compared with farming Labour.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons after the publishing this Act shall sell any of the Articles, Goods, wares, or merchandizes herein mentioned or enumerated, at a higher price or advance than is herein limited, such person or persons so offending, shall forfeit the price demanded or taken for such Articles, if sold for more than twenty shillings—and if sold for twenty shillings or under—shall forfeit the sum of twenty shillings.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Labourer shall contract for, or receive more per day than is herein limited; for his labour, he shall forfeit the sum of twenty shillings for each day he shall so offend.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person shall at any vendue or public-sale, give or bid for any Article or merchandize, a greater price than is herein before limited—he shall forfeit the price so bid or given.—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all forfeitures arising by virtue of this Act shall be, the one half to the prosecutor—the other half for the use of the County wherein such offence is committed, to be recovered by action of Debt in the same County, Which Action shall be commenced before any Justice of the peace in said County if the forfeitures do not amount to more than forty shillings—And where they exceed that sum before the Inferior-Court of Common-pleas in the same County. Which Courts are hereby authorized and empowered to try the same, and to grant appeals when demanded.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons within this state, having any Goods, Provisions or warlike stores (more than sufficient for his own use & consumption) which shall be wanted for the supply of the American-Army or Navy shall withhold, or refuse to sell, the same at a reasonable rate, for the purpose aforesaid, when thereto required, it shall be lawful for the Committee of safety, or the Chief Justice of the Superior-Court of Judicature of this state, upon information thereof—to issue a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of the County, (or his deputy) where such person or persons so refusing, dwell—requiring him immediately, to seize and take the same out of their hands or possession, and to break-open any Stores, Ware houses, or other places for that purpose. And the said Sheriff & his deputy and each of them, are hereby authorized and impow-

ered to execute Such Warrant in manner aforesaid. And the said Committee of safety, or said Justice of the Superior-Court who shall grant the said Warrant, shall there upon appoint two impartial and judicious men to appraise such Goods, provisions, or warlike stores under oath—upon return of which appraisal the s^d Committee or Chief-Justice shall after deducting the charges of taking & appraising as aforesaid, order the Treasurer of this state to pay the residue thereof to the Owner.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that this Act shall take effect and be in force upon the first day of February A Dom one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven—and not before.

In the House of Representatives, Jan. 9, 1777.

Voted that the Ship Portsmouth, Robert Parker Commander, (being a Private Ship of Warr) be Permitted to Sail from the Port of Piscataqua and to Cruise against the Enemies of the States of America and that the President give a Permitt accordingly.

Council concurred Jan. 11, 1777.

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, March 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31; April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 1777.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE PART OF A PLACE CALLED SOCIETY-LAND IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH IN THE SAID STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.—

[Passed March 22, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 28; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 327. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 76.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Part of that Tract of Land in the County of Hillsborough setting forth that for want of an Incorporation they were exposed to many Difficulties & Inconveniencies and Praying that they may be incorporated; of which due Notice has been given, and no Objection has been made to it, and it appearing to be for the public Good—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council And House of Representatives and by the Authority of the same it is Enacted That

there be & hereby is a Township erected & incorporated by the Name of Antrim — — — within the following Bounds viz^t Beginning at the Northwesterly Corner of Deering and thence running Southerly by said Deering according to the Course of the Contacook River which is the Westerly line of Deering, till it comes opposite to the Easterly End of the Line between the great Lots Numbered Three & Four thence running from the said River Westerly to the North easterly Corner of the said Lot numbered Three thence running still westerly on the said Line between the said Lots to the Easterly line of Packersfield Thence running northerly by said Packersfield & by Stoddard to Campbels-Gore so called thence running Easterly by said Campbells Gore & by Hillsborough to the Bounds where it began—And the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land are erected into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever—And are hereby invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges & Immunities which any Towns in this State Hold and enjoy—To Hold to the said Inhabitants of said Tract of Land and their Successors Forever—

And Cap^t John Duncan of Said Antrim—is hereby Authorized and empowered to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary and Customary Town Officers giving at least fourteen Days Notice of the Time Place & Design of such Meeting and such Officers shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of the like Officers in any other Town in this State—And every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Second Tuesday of March annually—forever.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, PASS'D IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX, INTITLED "AN ACT, FOR ENCOURAGING THE FITTING OUT OF ARMED VESSELS, TO DEFEND THE SEA COAST OF AMERICA, AND TO CRUIZE ON THE ENEMIES OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AS ALSO FOR ERECTING A COURT TO TRY AND CONDEMN, ALL SHIPS, OTHER VESSELS, THEIR TACKLE, APPAREL, AND FURNITURE, AND ALL GOODS WARES AND MERCHANDIZES BELONGING TO ANY INHABITANT OR INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN TAKEN ON THE HIGH SEAS

[Passed April 1, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 29; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 328. The act referred to is dated July 3, 1776.]

Whereas in and by the said Act, it is (amongst other things Enacted "That When any Merchant Ship or Vessel shall be taken "by Virtue of any Resolve (therein mentioned) the Wages of Sea- "men, and Mariners who shall be taken on Board the same shall "be paid out of the proceeds of the Prize, up to the time of the "Condemnation. But inasmuch as many of such Seamen and Mariners, either are not able, or neglect to apply to the Judge of the Court Maritime for such Wages, and the same remains in the hands of the said Judge, who by the same Act is no way directed or Authorized how to dispose of such nonclaimed Wages.

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled That when and so often as it shall happen, that the Wages of such Seamen or Mariners as aforesaid shall remain in the hands of the said Judge, (not having been claimed by the person or persons intitled to receive the same, nor by some lawful Attorney or Attorneys of such person or persons, therefore Especially appointed,) by the Space of One Year next after the Condemnation of such Prize or Prizes as aforesaid, The Judge of the said Court Maritime, is hereby Ordered and directed to pay 'all such Wages last mentioned into the Treasury of this State, the same to be applied to the Use of the same State, Provided always That if Such Seaman or Marriner or his or their Legal representative Shall at any time after Such wages Shall be So paid into the Said Treasury, upon application to the Generall Assembly of this State & making it to Appear that he or they are Intitled to the Same. That then he or they Shall receive the Same out of the Treasury.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, INTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE FORGEING, AND ALTERING, BILLS OF PUBLIC CREDIT, AND FOR PREVENTING THE DEPRECIATION THEREOF, AND FOR MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT, OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AND THE BILLS OF THIS COLONY A TENDER IN ALL PAYMENTS.

[Passed April 8, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 30; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 330. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 82. The act referred to is dated July 3, 1776. See act of Nov. 27, 1777. The act of Nov. 18, 1779, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 168, repeals a certain clause of this act.]

Whereas the said Act has been found to be insufficient to Answer the Purpose intended in convicting and punishing persons who have knowingly altered Bills or Notes of public Credit of this, or any, or all, the United States of America which have been altered, or the Sums or figures increased thereon And Whereas since the passing said Act, a Lottery has been set on foot, by resolution of the American Congress passed at Philadelphia the Eighteenth day of November in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Six, and Tickets in the said Lottery are now issued, And also a Continental Loan Office, is since Established in this State & Loan Certificates are Issued from the said Office upon the Credit of the united States, in pursuance of a Resolve of Congress And it is highly necessary, to guard against the Counterfeiting forgeing & altering such Lottery Tickets and Loan Certificates.

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, That whoever shall knowingly alter, any Note or Notes Bill, or Bills of Credit, of this, or any or all the said United States, established by any Resolve of the American Congress, or the Convention Congress, or Government, of this or any of the united States, heretofore emitted, or which shall be hereafter emitted, wherein the Sum or Sums figure, or figures, set, and expressed, in such note or notes, bill or bills of Credit (at the time of altering the same) were any ways altered, or increased as aforesaid, or any hand, name or stamp, or other private mark, made or set thereupon, be counterfeited, and such person shall be thereof convicted, before the Superior Court of Judicature for this State, every such Person, shall for every such offence, be punish'd in such manner, as is provided

by the said Act, against those, who shall counterfeit or forge such Notes or Bills.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That whoever shall forge or counterfeit any Ticket or Tickets, in the said United States Lottery, issued by the Resolve aforesaid, or any Ticket, or Tickets in any future Lottery, or Lotteries to be set on foot by any future Resolve, of said Congress, or of this State, of New Hampshire, or shall alter the number of any such Ticket or Tickets, or shall forge, counterfeit, or alter any Loan Certificate or Certificates aforesaid issued from and out of the said Loan Office established in this State or any other of the United States of America, or shall alter any such Certificate or Certificates knowing the same to be forged counterfeited or altered, and shall in either, or any of such Cases be Convicted before the said Superior Court, every such person, shall for every such Offence, receive such punishment, as is inflicted by the said in part recited Act against those who shall Counterfeit forge or alter Bills of public Credit as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That whoever (being indebted to any person or persons living or residing or being within this State) on Simple Contract Specially or in any manner whatsoever, and such person or persons so indebted, shall tender to such Creditor or Creditors, the full debt & Demands due to him or them from such Debtor or Debtors, in Bills of Public Credit issued by the American Congress, or Bills of Credit of this State, And if such Creditor, or Creditors shall not upon such Tender receive the Same in payment, full satisfaction for such Debts, dues or demands, and wholly discharge such Debtor or Debtors, therefrom (if thereto requested) such refusal shall be construed in Law, as a total Extinguishment of all and every such Debt, due, and demand. And whenever it shall happen, that any such Creditor, or Creditors as aforesaid, shall after such tender as aforesaid, bring any Action or Actions to any Court within this State against any person who shall have made such full tender as aforesaid, the Deft upon Trial shall be at liberty to plead the General Issue, and give this Act in Evidence, and such tender being made to appear, to the Satisfaction of the Court, and Jury who shall try the same, Judgement shall be rendered, That the Defend^t do recover treble Costs of Suit, and Execution shall issue accordingly.

And be it further Enacted that if any Person (having made, such sufficient Tender as aforesaid, in the presence of Any competent Witness or Witnesses, shall cause the Deposition of such Witness or Witnesses, to be taken in perpetuam rei memoriam, such Deposition shall be read, taken and received in every such Court as aforesaid, as full Evidence of the Fact in issue Provided that it be proved that such Witness so sworn as aforesaid, be dead, or resident in some place out of the Jurisdiction of the Court having

Cognizance of such fact in Issue as aforesaid, and therefore cannot be legally summoned, or shall not voluntarily appear.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE RE-ESTABLISHING THE GENERAL SYSTEM OF LAWS HERETOFORE IN FORCE IN THIS STATE—

[Passed April 9, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 31; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 329. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 84; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 160. Repealed June 20, 1792. Robinson, "History of Taxation in New Hampshire," pp. 184, 198.]

Whereas Doubts have arisen whether the several Acts and Laws in force in this State before the Assumption of the present form of Government were not thereby, or by the subsequent Declaration of Independence, vacated abrogated & disannulled: for the removal whereof—

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Court convened, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That all the Acts & Laws in force in this State (at the Time the present form of Government was Assumed) with every article Direction & Power in the same contained, so far as they are not repugnant to, and incompatible with the present Form of Government in this State and its Independence on Great Britain, or are not repealed & disannulled, or altered by any Act or Law made & passed by the Council and House of Representatives of this State since the said Assuming of Government, be revived reenacted directed and ordered to abide and remain in full force and accordingly to be exercised practised and put in Execution and that all the Fines & Forfeitures thereby appropriated to the Kings Use shall be applied to the Use of the County wherein the same shall be imposed & become due.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, INTITLED, AN ACT, FOR
THE REGULATING THE PRICES OF SUNDRY ARTICLES THEREIN
ENUMERATED.

[Passed April 10, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 32; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 333. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 78. The act referred to is dated Jan. 18, 1777. Repealed Nov. 27, 1777.]

Whereas it hath been found by experience that some of the Articles in the said Act are therein rated too low, and no Provision is made thereby for the regulation of sundry particulars not therein enumerated, For remedy whereof Be it Enacted, by the Council & House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, & by Authority of the same, That the rates and prices of the several Articles hereinafter enumerated, be and hereby are limited, within this State, as follows, Viz^t

Good merchantable Rye, and Rye meal shall not exceed the price of five Shillings per Bushel, in the Town of Portsmouth

Good merchantable Indian Corn, or Indian meal, shall not exceed the price of four Shillings per Bushel in the Town of Portsmouth

Good Barley Malt shall not exceed the price of Indian Corn, rye Malt Shall not Exceed the price of Rye

Men's Neat Leather Shoes of the best common sort, shall not exceed Eight Shillings per pair, other Shoes in proportion according to their Quality and Size

Good well dressed merchantable Flax shall not exceed One Shilling, and three pence per pound in the Town of Portsmouth, and in other Towns in proportion,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That when any Goods or provisions shall be taken by the Sherif or his Deputy, for the supply of the American Army or Navy, (by Virtue of any Warrant from the Committee of Safety, or Chief Justice of the Superior Court of Judicature of this State (as in the said Act particularly set forth) the same Goods or Provisions, shall not be appraised higher than the prices in the said Act limited Unless found to be of Super^r quality to Common Merchantable, in which Case to be Appraised at what shall be thought a reasonable price—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the prices of all the Articles Enumerated, in this or the before in part recited act, being the produce of America, excepting those to which the prices of Transportation are affixed, shall be taken and

deemed to be prices of such Goods and Articles in the Town of Portsmouth And the several Towns and parishes within this State are hereby directed, forthwith to chuse Committees, who shall be, and hereby are impowered, to affix, and settle, in their respective Towns, and parishes, what such Goods and Articles shall be sold for, according to the proportion the price such Goods have borne, in such Towns or Parishes, with the price they have been at in Portsmouth, according to the ancient usage, & Custom of such Towns or Parishes, And that no person in this State shall presume, to Sell vend, or dispose of, any of the Articles enumerated in this, or the before in part, recited Act, at an higher price, than is therein limited, for the Town of Portsmouth And the said Committees are in like manner impowered and directed, to set, and Establish, the prices of Goods and Articles, not in the said Act, or herein Enumerated according to the proportion, the price of them have usually borne, in their respective Towns or parishes to those herein enumerated And the said Committees are hereby likewise impowered to regulate the several prices of Articles usually sold by Taverners, As also the price of farming Labour in the Summer, and other seasons of the Year, & the Labour of Mechanic's and Tradesmen

And the said Committees are required to make out a fair List of all the Articles, to which they shall affix prices, and to Post the same, with the prices by them so affixed, up in some public place or places, in the Towns, or parishes, where they live And the same Committees are also to return, a list of such prices, to the Clerk of such Town, or parish, there to remain upon Record; And such prices by them affixed (pursuant to the duty herein enjoined, and power hereby given, shall be deemed & taken, to be the prices, set and affixed, by this Act in such Town or parish, which Committee shall be under Oath for the faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in them,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That in Case any Town or parish, or District, within this State, shall neglect to chuse a Committee for the purposes set forth in this Act, for the Space of three months next after the publication hereof, every such Town, parish or district, so neglecting, shall forfeit, and pay, a Fine to the Use of the State not Exceeding Ffty pounds to be recovered by Bill plaint or Information before any Court of Record in the County, where such neglect shall happen

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any person shall ingross, or have in his possession (by purchase or otherwise, more of any Article in this Act enumerated, or any other of the necessaries or Conveniencies, of life, than is necessary for the Consumption of his own Family & immediate Dependants, and which he holds, with an Apparent design (in the Judgement of the major part of the Selectmen of the Town, wherein he lives, or where such Article, shall be to sell, or trade upon and not for

his own Consumption as afores^d and shall refuse to sell, or dispose of the same for the common Currency of this State or the united States of America, and at the prices affixed, and settled by the said Act, or by the said Committees in pursuance of it, And Complaint being made to the major part of the said Selectmen by or on behalf of any person who is in want of such Article or Articles, for his own immediate support the support of his family, or immediate dependants, And the said Selectmen or the major part of them, believing the same to be true, shall demand of such person so refusing to sell such Article, or Articles, for such price as is affixed by this Act, or by the said Committees in pursuance of it, And if such person shall refuse to comply therewith, or cannot be found to have such demand made of him, the major part of the said Selectmen, shall apply to some Justice of the peace within the same County for a Warrant to open any Store, Warehouse or Granary, in which such Article or Articles may be, or otherwise to take possession of the same—And the said Justice shall without delay make out his Warrant, directed to, the Sherif, Deputy Sherif, or Constable in form following, Viz^t

State of New- Hampshire {ss.	To	Greeting
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Whereas Complaint is this day made to me by A: B-C, D- and E: F. a major part of the Selectmen of L. in the said County of That, I: K, of said L. (Addition) hath now in his possession with design to sell, & trade upon the same, and which is not by him designed for the consumption of his family, or immediate dependants, And that the said I: K. doth 'tho requested, thereunto by the said Selectmen refuse to sell, to N.O. of P. within the County aforesaid, who is in great necessity therefor (for the support, of his family, and immediate dependants) for the price set and affixed by the Laws of said State, You are therefore, hereby required (In the name of the Government and people of said State of New Hampshire), taking with you the major part of the Selectmen of said L. in the daytime, to open the Store of the said I: K. [or as the Case may be] & to take possession of the said and the same deliver to the said Selectmen, to the intent that they may Sell and deliver to the same N: O. the said or so much of that Article, as the said N: O, hath absolute necessity for. And you

are to make due return of this Warrant to me as soon as may be, with Your doings therein
Given under my hand and Seal the day of
in the Year of Our Lord 177 .
W : P.

And the said Selectmen, or the major part of them (having possession, of such Article, or Articles in manner as aforesaid, shall sell to such necessitous person, named in such Warrant, so much of the Article therein mentioned, as he stands in need of, for the support of his Family, and immediate Dependants, at the price affixed as aforesaid. And after deducting out of the money received therefor, the pay for their Service at the rate of four Shillings per day, the Officers legal Fees, and two shillings, for the Justices Warrant, shall pay the Overplus (if any there be) to the person who owned or possessed such Goods.

Provided nevertheless that the said Selectmen, shall not be obliged, or impowered, by Virtue of this Act, to supply any person as aforesaid who has by him (to their knowledge) any of the Articles in this Act enumerated, or any other necessarys or Conveniences of life, more than he stands in need of, for his own Consumption or the Consumption of his Family, & dependants, & refuses to expose them to Sale for the prices set, and provided in this Act, or that shall neglect, or refuse to bring them to market—according to his usual Custom.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person, or persons, after the publishing this Act, shall directly, or indirectly, by him or them, or any under him or them, sell any of the Articles, Goods, or things, herein mentioned or enumerated, or hereafter to be enumerated, as in this Act before mentioned, and provided for, at a higher rate in price, than is herein limited, or shall be limited by the several Committees as before set forth, such person or persons, so offending shall forfeit and pay the price demanded, or taken for such Articles, if sold for more than Twenty Shillings, and if Sold for Twenty shillings or under shall forfeit the sum of Twenty shillings, all such forfeitures to, be, One half to the Prosecutor, the other half to the use of the County, where such Offence is committed, to be recovered, in such manner, as in the said in part recited Act set forth

And be it further Enacted that it shall & may be Lawful to & for the Sheriffs in their respective Counties, Grand Jurors, Committees of Safety, Constables & Tythingmen within their Several Districts, and they are hereby Expressly required to make Inquiry touching the breach of this or the before recited Act or any part thereof, and Any Such Breach, Manifestly Appearing, to prosecute or Inform in Such manner as by this Act is Directed—

And be it further Enacted that when any Action, shall be brought against any Officer, who has a duty assigned him by this or the

said Act before referred to, he may plead the General Issue, and give any special matter in Evidence for his Justification.

Provided always That when any Person Shall Prosecute a Suit for any Fine or Forfeiture Incurr'd by this or the before in part recited Act, and it shall Appear to the Court or Justice before whom the Trial Shall be had, that the Action is not fully proved and that the Plaintiff or Prosecutor has from a Litigious Disposition or with Design to Injure the Defendant & recover monies to himself ; That then Such Court or Justice Shall Tax Double Costs against Such Plaintiff or Prosecutor.—

[CHAPTER 6]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESERTION OF SOLDIERS, DURING THE PRESENT WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN, THE CONCEALMENT OF DESERTERS, AND ALSO THE EMBEZZLEMENT OF CLOATHS, ARMS &C BELONGING TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

[Passed April 12, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 27 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 338. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 74. See act of June 27, 1782. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas Soldiers duly inlisted into the Service of the united States of America, may neglect or refuse to attend, at the time and place, whereat they have been, or may be ordered to meet or muster, or may at other times absent themselves from their duty without leave, orderly had, and obtained, whence great Obstruction to, and much Disorder, in the said Service may happen.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That it shall and may be lawful for any person to apprehend any who may be suspected as a Deserter from the American Army, and to bring such person, so suspected, before some Justice of the peace in or near the Town or place, where he shall be apprehended, And such Justice is hereby impowred and directed to examine such suspected person, and if by his own Confession, or by other Evidence, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, it shall appear to him That such suspected person, hath inlisted into the American Army now raising, or to be raised, and he doth not, to the Satisfaction of such Justice, prove that he hath leave of absence, or hath been duly and orderly discharged therefrom, such Justice of the peace shall by Warrant under his hand and Seal commit him to the Common Goal of the County whereof such Justice is a Magistrate, and forthwith transmit an Account thereof

to his commanding Officer, if within the same County, otherwise to the nearest Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops. And the Sheriff of the County where such suspected Person may be apprehended, his Deputies, and the Constables of the several Towns therein, are Enjoined and directed to obey and execute all Warrants from a Justice of the peace to them directed, for apprehending & imprisoning such Deserters, or suspected persons, and are empowered to command all necessary Assistance therefor. And if any person shall refuse to assist such Sheriff Deputy or Constable, when thereunto commanded, & be thereof convicted before any Justice of the peace in the County where the Offence is committed, he shall pay a Fine to the Use of this Government of forty Shillings & Costs of Prosecution. And the Keepers of the several Goals in this State, are required to receive such deserters or suspected persons, upon a Warrant from a Justice of the peace, and to detain them until they shall be discharged by their Commanding Officer or by due Course of Law.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Justices of the peace are hereby Authorized to issue their Warrants for the apprehending of any person who hath been or shall be advertised in the public Prints, or otherwise, by any Officer in the Continental Army, as a Deserter therefrom, and is residing within the County whereof such Justice is a Magistrate, without any other Information or Complaint thereof, and cause such person when apprehended to be committed to the Common Goal of the County and shall forthwith transmit an Account, thereof to his commanding Officer, if within the County, or to the nearest Commanding Officer of the Continental Troops: And all Sheriffs, Constables, & Militia Officers, are hereby authorized, and required to apprehend (without waiting for any process of Law, any person, whom they shall know to be advertised as aforesaid, and cause him to be carried before some Justice of the Peace of the County wherein he shall be apprehended to the End that he may be dealt with as a Deserter.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person shall harbour or conceal any Deserter, knowing or having probable Cause to suspect him to be such, and be thereof convicted at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace or the Superior Court of Judicature, upon an Indictment of the Grand Jury, he shall pay a Fine of not less than nine pounds, nor more than Fifteen pounds; One moiety thereof, to the Use of the Prosecutor, and the other moiety to the use of this Government.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority as aforesaid That when Complaint shall be made to any Justice of the Peace that any person suspected to be a Deserter from the American Army, is within the County whereof such Justice is a Magistrate, and probable Cause of Suspicion is shewn to him, the said Justice shall make out his Warrant directed to such Officer as before herein

mentioned, commanding him to apprehend the person so suspected, and to bring him before such Justice, or some other Justice of the peace within the same County, to be Examined and dealt with as aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall be the Duty of each Commissioned Officer of the Militia within this State, to cause persons suspected as Deserters, to be apprehended as aforesaid, And that if any Commissioned Officer, having probable Cause to suspect any person to be a Deserter, within the Town whereof such Officer is an Inhabitant, and shall neglect to make Complaint immediately to some Justice of the peace in Order that such person may be apprehended, and dealt with as aforesaid, such Officer (after being convicted of such neglect, before a Court Martial on the Court of General Sessions of the peace) shall be cashiered by the Council.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any person shall receive or purchase of any Soldier, any Fire Arms, or other Instruments, Cloaths or Blankets belonging to the United States of America, with Intention to detain from or defraud the said States of them, such person being convicted thereof before two Justices of the peace Quorum unus or before the said Court of Sessions, who are hereby empowered to try the same shall pay a Fine of Three times the Value of such Arms or other Instruments, Cloaths or Blankets, to the Use of this State. And all Officers, and their Assistants, by this Act directed to apprehend, and secure such Deserters or Persons suspected to be Deserters as aforesaid, shall have such Fees, as are allowed by Law, for making and Executing Warrants in common and Ordinary Cases which Fees shall be paid by the Officer who shall take such Deserter from Goal, and the same shall be deducted from such Deserter's Wages.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPAIRING AND MAKING PASSABLE THE ROAD
THROUGH AND FROM WOLFEBOROUGH TO CONWAY AND
THROUGH CONWAY TO NORTHUMBERLAND BY THE NOTCH OF
THE WHITE HILLS SO CALLED.

[Passed April 12, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 33 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 341.]

Whereas by Reason of the Proprietors of the Lands through which the said Road runs, neglecting to compleat & keep the

Same in Repair, Many Persons settled on the Northern Frontiers of this State, are subjected to great Difficulties in transporting Stores necessary for their Sustenance & Defence—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives and by the Authority of the Same it is hereby Enacted That the respective Owners and Proprietors of the Lands through which the said Road is laid shall forthwith clear and repair the Same so as to render it convenient for the passing of loaded carriages to the Acceptance of Henry Rust of Wolfeborough Esq^r Thomas Merrill and Andrew McMillan of Conway Esq^{rs} Cap^t Edwards Bucknam of Lancaster and Joseph Peverly of Northumberland Esq^r or of any Three of them, who, are hereby appointed a Committee to see the same effectually done—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if the said Respective Owners or Proprietors shall neglect and delay to clear & repair the said Road thro' their several Lands as aforesaid for the Space of Two Months from and after the passing of this Act it shall and may be lawful for the said Committee or any Three of them and they are hereby authorized to cause the Same to be cleared & repaired as aforesaid, and the Course thereof to be altered & changed in such Places as may require it, and they are hereby directed to keep an exact account of the Labour expended on each Proprietors Land & to exhibit the same to such Proprietor or Owner if known, & if unknown, to publish the same in some public Newspaper in this State, if any shall be printed here at that Time, & if not by posting the same in three public Places near the said Land—and if the said Owners or Proprietors shall neglect to pay & discharge the same by the Space of Sixty-Days next after such Exhibition or Publication—the Said Committee or any three of them shall, and they are hereby empowered to, advertise the Said Lands of such delinquent Owners or Proprietors for Sale, by publishing the same in some public News Paper of this State, if any, if not of the next State for the Space of three Weeks successively and then proceed to sell at public Vendue such Delinquents said Lands in Lots not exceeding one hundred Acres, until a Sum be raised Sufficient for the Discharge of said Account, with incidental Charges—And the Over plus if any, shall be returned to the said owner or Proprietor on Demand.

And Be it Further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that when the said Committee shall cause the Said Road to be cleared or repaired in any Township already divided into Lots that they shall exhibit their Account of the Expence thereof to the Clerk of the Proprietors of such Township if known & if not, shall publish it in manner as before herein directed And if the same be not discharged within Sixty Days next after the exhibiting or publishing thereof the said Committee may recover the same by Action of Debt against the Said proprietors with double costs of Suit

And Whereas the Owners or Proprietors of some of the uninhabited Lands on said Road live at a great Distance from the Same and it may happen that by Inundations or other Casualties the s^d Road may be suddenly rendered impassable and before the said Owners or Proprietors can be notified thereof Travellers may be put to great Inconveniencies & Hardships ; Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That in such Cases the said Committee or any one of them shall and they are hereby authorized to cause the same to be immediately repaired & to recover the Expence thereof in manner as is before in this Act directed.

In the House of Representatives March 19, 1777.

Whereas in and by the Act for forming, and regulating the militia in this State and for repealing all the Laws heretofore made for that purpose It is (amongst other things) Enacted "That the Several Paragraphs and Clauses of all & Every the Laws of this State enforcing or any ways relating to the regulation of the Militia Should thereby be repealed, and Declared Null & Void, And whereas Doubts have arisen touching the Intent & Meaning of the Same, in part recited Act, Some persons being of Opinion that the Commissions of all the Officers heretofore appointed by the late Congress, and the Council and Assembly Prior to the passing the Same Act are thereby Vacated—

In order therefore to Quiet & Dissipate the Said Doubts & Seeming Difficulties, It is Therefore Resolved and Declared That the Said Act was not Intended to Affect nor ought to be construed or deemed to Affect the Appointments of the Officers in manner as aforesaid, but only to regulate the Militia in future, And that All Militia Officers Appointed as aforesaid by the Congress, or by the General Assembly or Committee of Safety of this State Hold and Exercise their respective Offices Accordingly untill further order of this Court (Excepting such as have been Dismissed by this Court.

Council concurred March 19, 1777.

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshirc.* } In Council April 11th 1777

Voted that M^r John Taylor Gilman be, and hereby is appointed to receive and examine all Certificates that may be presented to him by Wounded or Maimed Soldiers belonging to this State, made out and authenticated agreeable to a Resolve of the Continental Congress of the 26th of August 1776. And to Register such Certificates in a Book, as also what Allowance is made to support such Persons by the legislative Authority of this State And also of the payment from time to time to every such person. And of the Death of any such disabled person or ceasing of such Allowance—And to make a fair & Regular Report of the same quarterly to the Secretary of Congress

or Board of War appointed by said Congress—And further Voted that on any allowance being made to any Wounded Soldier, or Seaman as aforesaid that the Secretary is hereby directed to deliver to said John Taylor Gilman all Certificates produced, And in Consequence of which such Allowances shall be made—

Sent down to the Hon^{ble} House for Concurrence

E. Thompson Secy

In the House of Representatives April 12th 1777

The above Vote of the hon^{ble} Council being read and Considered Voted. that the same be, & hereby is concurred—

John Langdon—Speaker

[*Third Session, Held at Exeter, June 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1777.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR TAKING UP, IMPRISONING OR OTHERWISE RESTRAINING PERSONS DANGEROUS TO THIS STATE.

[Passed June 19, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 34; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 349. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 85. See additional act of Dec. 25, 1777.]

Whereas at a time when the public Enemy have actually invaded some of the United States of America, and threaten an Invasion of this State, the Safety of the Common Wealth requires that a Power be somewhere lodged to apprehend, imprison or otherwise restrain any persons whose Enlargement is dangerous to the Community—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that the Committee of Safety for said State for the time being may issue their Warrant under the Hand and Seal of their Chairman directed to any Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff within this State or to any other Person by Name to command and cause to be apprehended & committed to any Goal within this State any person whom the said Committee of Safety shall deem the Safety of the Commonwealth requires should be restrained of his personal Liberty, or whose Enlargement within this State is dangerous thereto—And the Sheriff Deputy Sheriff or any other Person to whom such Warrant shall be directed is hereby authorized & empowered whenever he shall judge it proper to require the Aid & Assistance of such and so many of the Subjects of this State in executing the same as he shall think proper. who are hereby

required to give such Aid & Assistance when thereto requested under a Penalty not less than five pounds nor exceeding twenty pounds to be recovered by Indictment before the Superior Court or a Court of General Sessions of the Peace within the same County where the Offence shall be committed—one Moiety thereof to the use of the Prosecutor & the other Moiety to the Use of this State—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any Sheriff Deputy Sheriff or any other Person to whom such Warrant shall be directed shall have full Power (after demanding Admittance) to break open any dwelling house or other Building or Apartment between Sun rising and Sun setting in which they shall suspect any person required to be apprehended by such Warrant is concealed—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that any person who shall be apprehended & imprisoned as aforesaid shall be continued in Imprisonment without Bail or Mainprize untill he be discharged therefrom by order of the said Committee or of the General Court—

And be it further enacted that it shall & may be lawful for the said Committee of Safety upon Petition or otherwise to convene before them any person committed as aforesaid by Virtue of this Act and also all persons heretofore committed on Suspicion of the like Offences and to make due Examination thereon and if any or all the Persons so committed shall appear to be innocent of the Crimes alledged against them, then to give Order for their Enlargement or otherwise to continue them under Imprisonment at their Discretion—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Committee of Safety shall from time to time have full Power and lawful Authority to order any Person or Persons that may be or that have been taken up as aforesaid to be confined in such other way as they may judge necessary for the public Good

This Act to be in force until the first day of January next and no longer

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THREE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (UNUS QUORUM) TO DETERMINE ALL DISPUTES CONCERNING THE MAINTENANCE OF THE POOR.

[Passed June 25, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 35; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 344. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 86. Revived by the act of June 13, 1780. See acts of June 19, 1787 and Feb. 11, 1791.]

Whereas there is no Law, now in force, within this State whereby any particular Court, is impowered to determine disputes, and Controversies, which may arise, concerning the Settlement, and support of the Poor, And Whereas it would greatly tend to the Ease, and Conveniencies of the Inhabitants of this State, to hear and determine, all such disputes, as near as may be, to the place where they arise, and in a summary Way, to the End that the poor may not perish thro' want while the parties are contending in Law, about the Burthen of their maintenance

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened That all disputes which may arise in any County within said State concerning the support and maintenance of any poor person, shall be heard and determined by three Justices of the peace (unus quorum) in such County, who on a petition being preferred to them, shall order the adverse party, to be served with a Copy thereof, with their Order thereon, appointing a proper day & Place of hearing, giving Eight days notice at least, and on hearing both parties, or the Petitioner only, if the adverse party on notice as aforesaid shall not appear, shall proceed to make such Order thereon as shall appear just, either for the past or future maintenance of such person or persons, and may tax Costs for either party, and issue Execution thereon accordingly under the hand, and Seal of the said Quorum Justice who shall keep all Records, and proceedings thereon.

And in all Cases where such Order is made against any Town, or parish, or against the Selectmen of any Town or parish, the Execution shall issue against the Selectmen thereof for the time being, and their Estates, and they or their Success^{rs} shall assess the Inhabitants of such Town or parish to reimburse them, unless they shall have so much of the Town or parishes money in their hands at the time such Execution is served; And the said Quorum Justice shall be allowed nine Shillings per day, and the other Justices Six Shill^{ls} per Day, with travelling Fees as in Cases of taking Depositions.

And in Case the Selectmen of any Town or parish or any relation of any poor person in the line of Father or Grandfather, Mother or Grandmother, Children or Grand Children (such relations being of sufficient Ability) shall disobey the Order of any such Justices concerning the past or future maintenance of any poor person or persons, the Petitioner in such Case, may apply to such Justices, as before mentioned, or to any other three Justices (one being of the Quorum) within such County where such disputes, and Controversies may arise as aforesaid by a new Petition, setting forth the former Order, And that the same hath not been complied with, And such Justices giving Notice as aforesaid to such Relation or Selectmen of such Town or parish respectively for the time being, may hear the parties thereon as aforesaid, and may order the Petitioner a reimbursement of all Damages, Charges and Costs sustained by means of the first Orders not being complied with, and double Costs, and issue Execution accordingly, and so toties quoties.—And any person aggrieved at the Sentence or Order of such Justices, may petition the Justices of the Superior Court, at any time within Six months, after such Sentence, or Order is Declared Setting forth the Original Petition and Order or Sentence thereon, and briefly Stating the Evidence produced on Tryal; and assigning such Errors as shall appear therein, which Petition shall be lodged in the Clerk's Office of the Superior Court and a Copy thereof attested by the said Clerk, delivered to the adverse party, or some one of them by the Petitioner or at his Cost at least fourteen Days before the Sitting of the said Court for his or their Appearance. And the Petitioner shall produce an attested Copy of the whole Case. And the Justices of said Superior Court, shall hear the Parties, or such of them as shall appear, on the matters, and Causes assigned for Error, as well in fact as in Law, and admit a trial by a Jury on proper Issue joined, and shall determine the same according to Law; And in case the first Sentence shall be reversed, the said Superior Court shall award to the Petitioner restitution of all Costs and damages sustained thereby, and Costs; otherwise the adverse party shall recover double Costs, and the same Rules, shall be observed in respect to Execution awarded by the Superior Court, as have been before mentioned.

And be it further Enacted That when it shall happen That any such Paupers, belonging to any such Town or parish in One County, shall come to Sojourn or reside in any Town or parish belonging to another County within this State, any three Justices (being Justices of the peace thro out this State) Quorum unus, shall and they are hereby Empowered to take Cognizance of hear try and determine such Dispute, and to award Execution to carry such Judgement into Effect, And in Case the Selectmen of any Town or parish or any relation of any poor person in the line of Father or Grandfather, Mother or Grandmother, Children or

Grand Children (such relations being of sufficient Ability) shall disobey the Order of such last mentioned Justices concerning the past or future maintenance of any such poor person or persons the Petitioner in such Case may apply to such Justices last mentioned, or to any three other Justices, being Justices of the peace thro out this State, by a new Petition, Setting forth the former Order, and that the same hath not been complied with, and such Justices giving notice as afores^d to such Relation or Selectmen of such Town or parish respectively for the time being, may hear the parties thereon as aforesaid, and may Order the Petitioner a reimbursement of all damages Charges and Costs sustained by reason of the first Orders not being complied with & double Costs, and issue Execution accordingly, and so toties Quoties. Provided no Application to the Superior Court shall delay or hinder the Order of the said Justices from being put into Execution until the final Order of the Superior Court thereon.

This Act to continue and be in force for the Term of three Years and no longer.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OR CONVEYANCE OF THE ESTATES AND PROPERTY OF ALL SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN OR SHALL BE APPREHENDED FOR COUNTERFEITING OR FRAUDULENTLY PASSING ANY COUNTERFEIT BILLS NOTES OR CURRENCY OF THIS STATE OR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OR EITHER OF THEM OR OF THE UNITED STATES LOTTERY TICKETTS OR THE LOAN OFFICE CERTIFICATES AND ALSO OF THE ESTATES AND PROPERTY OF ALL SUCH PERSONS AGAINST WHOM WARRANTS HAVE ISSUED OR MAY ISSUE FOR BEING GUILTY OF EITHER OF SAID OFFENCES AND HAVE ABSCONDED OR THAT SHALL HEREAFTER ABSCOND.

[Passed June 25, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 36; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 343. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 89. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas Persons that have been or may be apprehended for the Crimes of counterfeiting or fraudulently passing counterfeit Bills Notes or Currency of this State or of the united States of America or either of them, or of the united States Lottery Ticketts or the Loan Office Certificates as also, all those persons against whom Warrants have issued or may issue for being guilty of either of the

Offences aforesaid and have absconded or that shall hereafter abscond, may with a View to elude Justice and to prevent their Estates and property from being attached or otherwise secured to answer the Damages done to the public or to Individuals by such Offences by themselves or by some Person under them transfer & convey their Estates and Property, or give Security for the Payment of Money after being apprehended for such Offences and before legally discharged and after the issuing such Warrants and absconding as aforesaid.

To prevent which unrighteous doings, Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled that all and every Deed or other Instrument of Conveyance and every other Mode of transfer of Estates real or personal, Indorsements of Notes, assignments of Bonds or of any other Securities from and after the passing of this Act made and executed by such Offenders or by any persons under them after being apprehended as aforesaid & before legal discharge therefrom, and also after issuing such warrants and absconding as aforesaid to transfer and convey any Estate real or personal situate and being within the Limits of this State, and all Indorsements of Notes Assignments of Bonds or of any other Securities shall be null and void—and that every kind of Security for the Payment of Money made and given by such Offenders or by any persons under them after being Apprehended as aforesaid and before legal discharge therefrom or after the issuing such Warrants or absconding as aforesaid shall be to all Intents & purposes null & void—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE TOWN OF DOVER TO RAISE BY A LOTTERY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO DEFRAY THE EXPENCE OF BUILDING PART OF THE BRIDGES IN SAID TOWN AND KEEPING THEM IN REPAIR TO THE PRESENT DAY, WITH OTHER INCIDENTAL CHARGES—

[Passed June 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 37; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 347.]

Whereas for a considerable time past a Misunderstanding hath subsisted among the Inhabitants of Dover aforesaid about said Bridges; And the Representatives of said Town in behalf of the Inhabitants having petitioned the Council & House of Representatives of said State for Liberty to raise by a Lottery a Sum suffi-

cient for the purposes aforesaid, as the only Means to restore peace & Harmony to the contending parties.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that Liberty be and hereby is granted to carry on a public Lottery to raise the Sum or One hundred & fifty Pounds Lawful Money to be applied for the Uses in said Petition Mentioned—And that Moses Emerson of Durham Esq^r Colonel John Waldron & M^r Benjamin Pierce of Dover and the Major part of them be and hereby are authorized to carry said Lottery into Execution in such Way, form & Manner as they shall judge will best promote and Effect the Designs & Intentions thereof—all which they are to compleat & finish within Twelve Months from the passing of this Act—and as much sooner as may be—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Managers & undertakers shall render an Account of their proceedings herein to the General Court of said State, when thereto required, to take such further directions about said business as the said General Court shall think necessary—

And the said Managers before they presume to begin, undertake or enter upon the Business herein assigned them, shall severally make solemn Oath before some Magistrate of the County wherein they dwell, for the faithful and impartial Execution of the Trust hereby reposed in them

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO GRANT A REHEARING TO PHILIP FOWLER AND JACOB FOWLER IN AN ACTION OF EJECTMENT COMMENCED BY JOSIAH HILTON AGAINST PHILIP FOWLER LATE OF NEWMARKET DECEASED—WHICH ACTION IS NOW PENDING BEFORE THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN IN PRIVY COUNCIL.—

[Passed June 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 38; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 324.]

Whereas Philip Fowler & Jacob Fowler both of Newmarket in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire Yeomen have Petitioned the General Assembly for said State—setting forth (among other things) That Josiah Hilton of said Newmarket husbandman commenced an Action of Ejectment against the Petitioners father Philip Fowler late of said Newmarket Husbandman deceas'd at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at

Portsmouth in & for The then Province of New Hampshire on the first Tuesday of September AD 1760. In which Action the said Josiah Hilton as Lessee of Edward Hilton of said Newmarket Husbandman demanded the Possession of Fifty six Acres of Land in Newmarket aforesaid with the Appurtenances thereof Bounded with the land formerly belonging to William Hilton deceas'd, on the Northeast, with a Brook called Smart's Brook on the Southwest, with the land formerly belonging to Andrew Constable towards the Southeast, and to extend from the said land formerly belonging to Andrew Constable Northwesterly untill the full quantity of Fifty six Acres be completed. At the same Court held by Adjournment at Portsmouth aforesaid on the twenty first day of April 1761 the case was committed to a Jury duly impanelled and sworn to try the same who returned their Verdict therein in favor of the said Defend^t and Judgment was rendered accordingly. From which the said Josiah Hilton appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature held at said Portsmouth in & for the then Province aforesaid on the Third Tuesday of May AD 1761 when and where the Appeal was entered and the former Judgment confirmed. From which the said Josiah Hilton appealed to the Governor and Council as a Court of Appeals for said Province, at which Court of Appeals Judgment was rendered for the said Josiah Hilton to recover the Possession of the premises demanded and Costs of Courts. From which last Judgment the said Philip Fowler deceas'd appealed to the King of Great Britain in Privy Council.—Notwithstanding which, the said Court of Appeals granted a Writ of Possession, by means of which illegal Writ the said Josiah Hilton was soon after put into the Possession of the premises demanded. That though great pains had been taken and large Sums of Mouey expended to obtain a final Decision of the cause in Great Britain the same remained undetermined. That since the cause had been pending in England Philip Fowler the original Defendant died and in and by his last Will and Testament devised the land in Controversy to the Petitioners.—That a trial of the cause in Great Britain could that be had, would be fruitless as this State is independent of the Crown of Great Britain. Therefore prayed that by an Act of the Legislature of said State the Petitioners as Devises aforesaid might be enabled to have another Trial of the same cause at the Superior Court of Judicature for said State any time within two Years from the Date of such Act.

Whereupon after a full and fair hearing of the Parties by their Counsel and of the Evidence & considering the Reasonableness of the prayer of said Petition it was voted by said Council & house of Representatives that the Petitioners have leave to Bring in a Bill accordingly

Therefore Be it & it is hereby enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened, That Philip

Fowler and Jacob Fowler as Devisees aforesaid or their Heirs be and hereby are enabled to bring a Writ in the nature of a Writ of Review against the said Josiah Hilton or the Terr-Tenants of the premises demanded at the Superior Court of Judicature for said State in the County where the said land is situate, any time within two Years from the passing of this Act, therein setting forth & alledging that the Judgment of said Court of Appeals is wrong and erroneous and ought to be reversed. And the said Superior Court are hereby empowered to proceed and try such action in the same manner as other Actions of Review; and the Defendant in such Action may plead the general issue and the Plaintiffs take issue thereon—And if Judgment shall be rendered for the Plaintiffs in said Action they shall recover Possession of the premises demanded together with legal Costs that have been expended in the Defence of the original Suit through all the Courts in the Province aforesaid, as also legal Costs of prosecuting said Writ of Review. And the said Philip Fowler and Jacob Fowler the Devisees aforesaid & their Heirs Ex^{ts} or Adm^{rs} shall be entitled to the same Remedy in Law to recover Damages for the mean Profits of said land, as if the cause had been finally tried in Great Britain and Judgment given for them and all Securities given to account for the mean profits of said Land shall remain in the same manner, as tho' final Judgment had been rendered in Great Britain. And if upon said Action of Review Judgment shall be rendered for the said Devisees or their Heirs the Superior Court for said State are hereby fully empowered to grant a Writ of Possession for them in common form directed to the Sheriff of the County or his Deputy commanding them to deliver to the said Devisees or their Heirs the Possession of the premises

But if Judgment on said Action shall be rendered for the Defendant, he shall recover his legal Cost of defending said Action of Review.—

[*Fourth Session, (Special), Held at Exeter, July 17, 18, 19, 1777.*]

[No Acts.]

[*Fifth Session, Held at Exeter, September 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1777.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR SEVERING SUNDRY PERSONS, THEIR FAMILIES, AND ESTATES FROM THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, AND ANNEXING THE SAME TO THE TOWN OF WINDHAM.

[Passed Sept. 26, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 39.]

Whereas upon the Setting off, the said Town of Windham from Londonderry, some Years ago, and incorporating the same, there was a reservation, that altho' the Lands of John Cochran, John Cochran Junior, James Cochran, Isaac Cochran William Dickey, John Armstrong and David Armstrong by the said Division fell into the said Town of Windham Yet the same sho^d (notwithstanding) be deemed and taken as part of Londonderry, and remain as annexed thereto, And the said John Cochran, John Cochran Junior, James Cochran Isaac Cochran, William Dickey, John Armstrong, and David Armstrong have by their Petition set forth That by reason of the premises, they have laboured under the great disadvantage of being taxed in both the Towns aforesaid, and praying to be wholly set off from Londonderry, and annexed to Windham—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled That immediately from and after the passing of this Act, the said John Cochran, John Cochran Junior, Isaac Cochran James Cochran, William Dickey, John Armstrong and David Armstrong may and shall poll off to Windham aforesaid, together with their several and respective Families, and the Lands aforesaid shall be deemed held and taken as part and parcel of Windham aforesaid, and they are thereto annexed accordingly for Ever

Provided nevertheless That the said Petitioners do first pay to the now Selectmen of said Londonderry their several Shares and Proportions of all legal Taxes, now from them or any or Either of them On Account of themselves or their Several & respective Families due and unpaid

[*Sixth Session, Held at Exeter, November 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1777.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO OBLIGE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL OFFICERS CIVIL & MILITARY, BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS AT LAW, TO TAKE AND SUBSCRIBE AN OATH OF FIDELITY TO THE STATE.

[Passed Nov. 8, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 40; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 351. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 90. Repealed June 20, 1792. See order prescribing the oath to be taken by attorneys, 1 Laws of N. H., 1679-1702, p. 123. See the act of May, 1714, Laws, 1716-25 ed., p. 47; act of May 14, 1718, id. p. 79; act of March 14, 1778, and act of Feb. 8, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 97. See address by J. H. Benton, LL. D., before the New York Bar Association.]

Whereas great Trust & Confidence are reposed in the Several Members of the Council and Assembly, and Officers both Civil and Military And it is reasonable and highly necessary (for the States better Security) That not only the said Members, & officers, but also all Barristers and Attorneys at Law, residing or practising within the same State, shall be under the Obligation of an Oath of Fidelity to be by them respectively taken and Subscribed.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, & by the Authority of the Same. That every now Member of the Council & Assembly, Justices of the Superior Court, Justices of the Inferior Courts of Common Pleas in the Several Counties in this State; Barristers, & Attorneys at Law residing or Practising within the Same. And also in Future every Such Member, Justice Barrister, & Attorney who shall be hereafter Chosen commissioned or Admitted to their respective Offices or practice shall before they Act in their Several and Respective Stations, take the following Oath and Subscribe their Names thereto Viz

“I A B do Solemnly Swear that I do Renounce, refuse, & Abjure any Allegiance or Obedience to George the Third King of Great Britain, and that I will to the Utmost of my Power Support Maintain and Defend the Independance of all the United States of America as the Same was set forth by the Continental Congress in their Declaration of the fourth of July one Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six. And I do promise that I will bear faith and true Allegiance to the State of New Hampshire during my Residence therein, and will disclose and make known to some Magistrate acting under said State, all Treasons & Conspiracies

which I shall know to be Against the United States or any one of them, as Independant of the Crown of Great Britain. And these things I do Swear According to the plain & Common Sense of the Words, without any Equivocation, or Secret Reservation whatsoever, upon the true faith of a Christian." So help me God."

And be it further Enacted that all Civil Officers not before Enumerated, All Military Officers, all Deputy Sheriffs, under Sheriffs & Gaol keepers within this State be required to take and Subscribe the Oath aforesaid by the first day of February next and such Officers being required thereto, and Neglecting or refusing to take such Oath & Subscribe the Same, shall from and After the Time Aforesaid be Suspended & dismissed from their respective Offices.

And the following Persons, are hereby Appointed Commissioners they or Either of them within their respective Counties to administer the Aforesaid Oath to All Persons required by this Act to take the same, and See them Subscribe their names thereto. And to make return of all such Subscriptions, as also the names of any such Officers as may refuse or Neglect to Subscribe said Oath, into the Secretary's Office by the first day of March next viz. Samuel Penhallow, Nicholas Gilman, Noah Emery, Jonathan Moulton, Timothy Walker Jun^r Matthew Thornton, Nathaniel Peabody, John McClary Esqrs—Samuel Emerson, Otis Baker John Plummer, Simeon Dearborn, Daniel Bede, Joseph Badger—John Goffe, Jonathan Lovewell, Nahum Baldwin, Henry Gerrish, Timothy Farrar, Joshua Bayley—Joseph Greenwood Daniel Lake, Isaac Wyman, Heber Miller, William Haywood Nath^l Sattel Prentice—Samuel Chace—Samuel Emerson, Daniel Brainard, John Hurd, Israel Morey David Page, & Isaac Andrews. Esq^{ts}

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF THE SITTING OF THE
INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS IN & FOR THE COUNTY
OF ROCKINGHAM FROM THE LAST TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY
TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY ANNUALLY.—

[Passed Nov. 19, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 41; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 353. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 92. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the Sitting of the Inferior Court of Common pleas for the County of Rockingham, by Law appointed to be holden at Exeter in & for said County on the last Tuesday of February Annually, is found to be Very Inconvenient, it being but one week

before the Sitting of the Superior Court of Judicature for said County on the first Tuesday of March Annually—which is too Short a time for Trial to be had at said Inferior Court, and Appeals to be taken therefrom, & prosecuted at Said Superior Court to the great Detriment of the Suitors to said Inferior Court—For Remedy whereof—

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the Same That Henceforth the Said Inferior Court of Common pleas by Law to be holden at Exeter in & for the County of Rockingham on the last Tuesday of February Annually Shall be Holden at said Exeter on the first Tuesday of February Annually, and that all writs Processes recognizances & Executions that are already Issued or shall be Issued before the Publication of this Act returnable to the Said Inferior Court to be holden on the last Tuesday of February next, Shall be Received, Upheld, Sustained and Proceeded upon at the Said Inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden on the first Tuesday of February next, any Law usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding—

CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CONGREGATIONAL AND PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETIES IN THE TOWN OF NEWMARKET TO SETTLE & MAINTAIN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY: AND TRANSACT OTHER PRUDENTIAL AFFAIRS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SOCIETIES.

[Passed Nov. 21, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 42; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 356. Repealed June 13, 1793.

Whereas the Town of Newmarket at a legal Meeting of its Inhabitants held by Adjournment November 3^d 1777 did Mutually agree upon a Separation between the Congregational & Presbyterian Societies there—by a Poll—neither of which Societies so seperated, having any legal Right to act as a Body Politic in supplying the Ministry, Building or repairing Meeting Houses, or other Prudential Affairs of their Respective Societies: But can only act seperatly as so many Individuals—For Remedy whereof—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the Same: That such of the Freeholders and legal Inhabitants of said Town, quallified by Law to vote in Ministerial Affairs, as shall Poll according to said Agreement, of the Town, to the Presbyterian Meeting on the West Side of Piscasick River, shall be & hereby

are Authorized and impowered to transact all Prudential Affairs of such Society by themselves, as a Body Politic and Corporate in Ministerial Matters only by the Name of the West Society in Newmarket—And likewise that the Remaining Freeholders & legal Inhabitants as aforesaid that do not poll in the aforesaid Manner to the said Presbyterian Society (except such Baptists or others that shall be exempted by Law) shall be & hereby are authorised and impowered in like manner to Transact the Prudential Affairs of their Society by themselves as a Body Politic & Corporate in Ministerial Matters only by the Name of the East Society in Newmarket—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that each of the said Societies Respectively shall Annually hold on the first Tuesday following the last Monday in March, a Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of such Society qualified by Law to vote in Ministerial Affairs, upon legal Notice thereof to be given by their Clerk or such Others as the Society may appoint: and by the Major Vote of such Assembly then and there shall chuse, A Clerk, Wardens, Collector, & other necessary Officers, who shall be sworn in the same manner as Town Officers to the Faithful Performance of the Trust reposed in them; and which Officers so chosen shall be under the same Regulation have the same Authority, and be under & observe the same Rules in Assessing and Collecting all Moneys voted or granted by such Society, and other Prudential Affairs, as the Selectmen, Constable or other Town Officers, in their Offices Respectively—

And the Selectmen for the Time being shall Furnish, the Wardens of each Society (if desired) with a Copy of the Inventory of each Society to proportion their Ministerial Taxes by—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it shall and may be lawful for the legal Voters of each of said Societies in any legal Meeting of such Society as often as they shall see Occasion make Choice of, & by themselves or others by them appointed to agree with a Minister or Ministers for Supply of such Societies, & from Time to Time to vote such sums as they may think Necessary for the Support of the Gospel, or other incidental Charges that the Town has now by Law a Right to do—And all Votes, Resolutions, orders Contracts or Agreements of either of said Societies shall be duly Recorded & held good & valid in Law as the Votes of any Town or Parish in like Cases—And each of said Societies shall be under the same Obligations for the Support of the Ministry, as other Districts or Parishes are, and have the same Priviledges & observe the same Rules for calling Meetings of their Societies, as is by Law prescribed in Towns and Parishes—And Cap^t Hubartas Neal is hereby appointed and authorised to notify and Warn the first Meeting in said East Society: And Col Jeremiah Folsom is also appointed and authorised to call the first meeting in said West Society—

Provided always that notwithstanding any Persons polling as aforesaid to either Society, he she, or they and their Estate shall be held, bound and liable & subject to Pay with Others all Debts Contracts Votes grants or Agreements, due agreed upon or Voted in the Town before the Passing this Act, or in either of said Societies before his or her Polling from such Society.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ALTER THE TIME OF THE SITTING OF THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM IN THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY ANNUALLY

[Passed Nov. 25, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 43; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 355. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 93. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the Sitting of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace by Law to be holden at Exeter in and for the County of Rockingham on the first Tuesday of February Annually is found to be very Inconvenient, by reason that the Inferiour Court of Common pleas for Said County is by Law Appointed to be holden at Exeter on the Same day—Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened That Henceforth the Said Court of General Sessions of the Peace Appointed by Law to be holden at Exeter within & for the County of Rockingham, on the first Tuesday of February Annually, Shall be Holden at Exeter in & for Said County of Rockingham on the Second Tuesday of February Annually, and all writs, Complaints, Indictments, Presentments and other Processes whatsoever, made, Issued or Appointed to be heard Tried, or any ways to be prosecuted or Acted upon at the Said Court appointed to be holden on the first Tuesday of February next Shall be Prosecuted, Sustained, Upheld and proceeded upon at Said Court on the Second Tuesday of February next, any Law—usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED NEW HAMPTON IN
 THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD—

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 44; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 363. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 94.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of that Tract of Land called Moultonborough Addition in the County of Strafford setting forth that they laboured under many Difficulties and Inconveniencies by reason of their non-incorporated State, and Praying that they may be incorporated; of which publick Notice has been duly given and no Objection has been made and it appearing to be for the Public Good—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council And house of Representatives in General Court Convened & by the Authority of the Same That there be and hereby is a Township erected and incorporated within the following Bounds viz^t beginning at the North Easterly Corner of Meredith about Thirty Rods from Winnepissiokee Pond thence running South fifty five Degrees West by Meredith & Sanborntown to Pemigewasset River Then running northerly up said River by the Middle thereof to the Southwesterly Corner of Holderness, thence running Easterly by said Holderness to the Southeast Corner thereof thence running northerly by said Holderness till it comes to the westerly Line of Moultonborough thence Southeasterly by the said westerly Line of Moultonborough to the North Easterly Corner of Meredith—by the Name of New-Hampton: And the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land are erected into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever, and are hereby invested with all the Powers, and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges Benefits and Immunities which any Towns in this State by Law hold possess and Enjoy—To Hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever.

And M^r Samuel Kelley is hereby authorized and impowered to Call a Meeting of Said Inhabitants for the Purpose of Chusing all necessary & Customary Town Officers, giving fourteen Days Notice, at least, of the Time Place & Design of such Meeting—And the Officers then chosen shall be invested With all the Power and Authority that the Officers of any other Town in this State are by Law invested with—And every other Meeting of the said Inhabitants which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Last Tuesday of March Annually forever.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING A CERTAIN CLAUSE IN AN ACT INTITLED "AN ACT FOR ENCOURAGING THE FIXING OUT OF ARMED VESSELS TO DEFEND THE SEA COAST OF AMERICA AND TO CRUISE ON THE ENEMIES OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AS ALSO FOR ERECTING A COURT TO TRY AND CONDEMN ALL SHIPS & OTHER VESSELS, THEIR TACKLE, APPAREL & FURNITURE AND ALL GOODS, WARES & MERCHANTIZES BELONGING TO ANY INHABITANT OR INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN TAKEN ON THE HIGH SEAS"

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 45; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 362. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 100. This act repeals part of the act of July 3, 1776, id., 1780 ed., p. 19.]

Whereas the Clause before referred to in the Words following viz^t "And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that when any Merchant Ship or Vessel shall be taken by Virtue of any Resolve aforesaid, the Wages of Seamen & Mariners who shall be taken on board the same shall be paid out of the Proceeds of the Prize up to the time of Condemnation" if continued in force may have a Tendency to discourage the fixing out of Armed Vessels for the purposes in the Act aforesaid mentioned.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that the Clause in the Act Aforesaid & herein before recited be, & hereby is repealed & made null and void.—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF FORTY THOUSAND POUNDS FOR THE USE & PURPOSES THEREIN DECLARED.

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 46; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 362. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 95.]

Be it enacted by the Council and Assembly that there be raised the Sum of Forty thousand Pounds to be assessed levied and collected according to the present value of Money passing here on

the Polls and Estates of the Inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire according to the proportion of the State Taxes made among the several Towns Parishes & Places paying the same this present Year to be paid for the Uses & Services of the State for the same Year into the Treasury by the first Day of March next for the payment of such Grants and Allowances as have been or shall be made by the Council and Assembly—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO SILAS HEDGES THE TITLE OF A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND SITUATE IN GOFFESTOWN IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH & STATE AFORESAID

[Passed Nov. 27. 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 47; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 365.]

Whereas Silas Hedges of Dunbarton in the County of Hillsborough in said State Physician petitioned the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd September 22^d 1777 setting forth, that, the said Hedges by Deed of Sale bearing Date the twenty sixth day of December A D 1776, purchased of William Palmer of Goffestown in said County Cooper, for the Consideration of one hundred and five pounds Lawful money therein expressed one certain Tract, or parcel of Land lying and being in Goffestown aforesaid being all that Land the said Palmer purchased of Isaac Marston and of Sarah and Samuel Saunders lying on Merrimac River on the East and Bedford Town Line on the South and the twelfth Range on the West, and on Land in Possession of Robert M^cGregore Esq^r on the North. Containing by Estimation Sixty nine acres be the same more or less with all the Buildings and Appurtenances thereunto belonging.—Which Sum of one hundred and five pounds the said Hedges at the time of purchase paid and secured to be paid to the said Palmer. And the said Palmer on the 26th day of the same December acknowledged said Deed before a Justice of the Peace. That afterwards the said Palmer finding that the Deed of the said Hedges was not recorded and that the Price of Land was risen, sold the same lands & Buildings again (or rather gave another Deed thereof) to said Robert M^cGregore Esq^r who was the Justice that took the Acknowledgment of the Deed of said Hedges & a Witness thereto. By means of which fraudulent practice the said Hedges was in Danger of losing said purchased premises and the Consideration therefor. Wherefore said Hedges

humbly prayed the Interposition of the Legislature of this State in his behalf and that he might have Liberty to bring a Bill to vacate said last Deed and to confirm the first Whereupon after due Notice and a full and fair hearing of the parties it was voted that the prayer of said Petition be granted and that the said Hedges have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly. Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened That the said Deed given to the said Robert Mc-Gregore Esq^r by the said Palmer of said premises be and hereby is vacated and absolutely made void and that the Right and Title to said premises by Virtue of said first Deed be and hereby is confirmed and established to the said Silas Hedges his Heirs and Assigns forever.

[CHAPTER 9]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SELLING GOODS AT PUBLIC VENDUE

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 48; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 354. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 99. Repealed May 23, 1778.]

Whereas the Selling of Goods at public Vendue has a Tendency to raise the Price thereof to the great Damage of the Public; and Some People have had the Meanness to bid upon their own Goods in order & with a View to raise the Price of the Same:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the Same, That all the Laws and Paragraphs in the Laws of this State respecting Vendues, be and hereby are repealed and declared null & void, excepting those Laws which authorise & require Sheriffs Deputy Sheriffs Constables and other public Officers to make sale of Goods taken by Executions Distraint or otherwise, and Executors and Administrators to sell Assets in their Hands for the Payment of the Debts of Persons deceased:

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any Person or Persons, from and after the First Day of December next shall sell, at public Vendue, Auction or Out Cry, any Goods, Wares Merchandise or Effects, whatsoever, within this State, (excepting as before excepted) & excepting such Goods Wares Merchandize & Effects belonging to the United States of America as may be sold at Public Vendue in pursuance of any Resolve of the Continental Congress, such Person or Persons shall forfeit & pay the Sum for which such goods Wares Merchandize & Effects shall be so sold, to be recovered by Indictment or Presentment of the

Grand Jury, or by a Special Action of the Case in any Court proper to try the same, within the County in which the same shall be so sold, One Moiety thereof to him or them who shall sue for the same and the other Moiety to the Use of the Town where the Offence is committed. And when any Forfeiture shall be recovered by Indictment or Presentment of the Grand Jury one half thereof shall be to & for the Use of the County to which the said Grand Jury belongs & the other Half to the Use of the Town where such Offence is committed.—

This Act to Continue & be in force for the Term of one Year from the Passing thereof and no Longer—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED MOULTONBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD.

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 49; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 359. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 93.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Place called Moultonborough in the county of Strafford representing that the said Inhabitants labour under Difficulties and Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be incorporated; of which public Notice has been duly given & no Objection has been made, and it appearing to be for the Public Good

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives And by the Authority of the same, That there be & hereby is a Township erected and incorporated within the following Bounds viz^t Beginning at the Southeasterly Corner of Meredith at Winnepissiokee Pond then running northwesterly by said Meredith to the North Easterly Corner thereof thence on a Strait Line with the Northeasterly Line of Meredith to Holderness, thence North Easterly by said Holderness to Sandwich thence Easterly by Sandwich & Tamworth to the South Easterly Corner of Tamworth thence Southwesterly to the Northwesterly Corner of Tuftonborough thence Southwesterly by said Tuftonborough to Winnepissiokee Pond, thence Westerly by the Shore of said Pond as that lays to the bounds first mentioned, by the Name of Moultonborough And the Inhabitants within the said bounds are hereby erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance & Succession forever—And are Invested with all the Powers, and enfranchised with all Rights Privileges Benefits and Immunities which any Towns in this State by Law

Hold possess and Enjoy—To Hold to the said Inhabitants & their Successors forever. And Major Bradbury Richardson is hereby authorized and impowered to call a meeting of said Inhabitants for the Purpose of Chusing all necessary & Customary Town officers giving Fourteen Days Notice at least of the Time Place and Design of Such meeting—And the Officers then chosen shall be invested With all the Power and Authority that the officers of any other Town in this State are by Law invested with—And every other Meeting of the said Inhabitants which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Last Tuesday of March Annually Forever.

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN EXPLANATION OF A CLAUSE IN AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE FORGING AND ALTERING BILLS OF PUBLIC CREDIT, AND FOR PREVENTING THE DEPRECIATION THEREOF; AND FOR MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THE UNITED COLONIES, AND THE BILLS OF THIS COLONY A TENDER IN ALL PAYMENTS.

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 50; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 358. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 98. The act referred to is dated July 3, 1776. See also the act of April 8, 1777.]

Whereas in and by the said Act, among other Things it is enacted that every Person offending (as in the said Act is described) and being thereof convicted before the Superior Court of Judicature Court of Assize and general Goal Delivery for said Colony shall be punished as in the said Act is expressed; And Whereas Doubts have arisen whether the Crimes and offences mentioned and described in and by the said Act can be taken cognizance of and judged upon by the Superior Court of Judicature of this State as by Law established, the Stile of the Same Court in the first mentioned Act, being wrong expressed—Therefore for the preventing any Delays or Suspensions of justice on account thereof—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same that the Superior Court of Judicature of this State as by Law Established be and hereby is authorized & impowered to hear Judge & determine all matters and things in the said first mentioned act expressed as fully to all Intents & purposes, as if the Stile of the said Court in the same Act mentioned had been rightly expressed

to wit, the Superior Court of Judicature; any Misprision of the Stile of the same Court notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR MAKING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROPORTION OF THE STATE TAX AMONG THE SEVERAL TOWNS AND PARISHES WITHIN THIS STATE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR THE LEVYING THE SAME ANNUALLY.

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 51; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 367. Laws 1780 ed., p. 100.]

Whereas since the last Proportion for a State Tax, there has been a considerable Alteration in the Circumstances of the several Towns and Parishes mentioned in said Proportion, and many Towns and Places not mentioned therein are now so improved that they ought to pay their Proportion to the State Tax according to their Circumstances—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the Same That the Proportion to every Thousand Pounds of the State Tax which each Town and Parish within said State shall annually pay, and for which the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Warrants at or before the Tenth day of December for the Current Year, and in future on or before the fifteenth day of July annually shall be as follows, to wit—

FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Allens Town, one pound ten Shillings & five pence one farthing	1	10	5¼
Atkinson, Six pounds twelve Shillings & Six pence	6	12	6
Bow Two pounds nineteen Shillings & two pence	2	19	2
Brintwood Twelve pounds nineteen Shillings & eleven pence	12	19	11
Candia Eight pounds eighteen Shillings & nine pence	8	18	9
Chichester four pounds twelve Shillings & Six pence	4	12	6
Concord Twelve pounds five Shillings & Seven pence	12	5	7

Chester, Twenty pounds thirteen Shillings & eleven pence	20	13	11
Deerfield Twelve pounds twelve Shill ^s four pence halfpenny	12	12	4½
Epping Twenty pounds Six Shillings & four pence halfpenny	20	6	4½
Epsome three pounds fifteen Shillings & Seven pence halfpenny	3	15	7½
Exeter nineteen pounds nine Shillings & Eleven pence halfpenny	19	9	11½
Greenland nine pounds five Shilling & Eleven pence halfpenny	9	5	11½
Hampstead Eight pounds three Shillings & four pence halfpenny	8	3	4½
Hampton Twelve pounds Seventeen Shillings three pence	12	17	3
Hampton falls Eight pounds thirteen Shillings two pence halfpenny	8	13	2½
Hawke Six pounds fourteen Shillings & twopence halfpenny	6	14	2½
Kensington Ten pounds ⁿ Seventeen Shillings & halfpenny	10	17	0½
Kingston Eleven pounds Seven shillings Eleven pence halfpenny	11	7	11½
East Kingston Six pounds Six pence half penny	6	0	6½
Londonderry Twenty eight pounds fifteen Shillings Six pence half penny	28	15	6½
North Hampton Eight pounds fifteen Shillings one penny halfpenny	8	15	1½
Northwood Three pounds eleven shillings four pence half penny	3	11	4½
Newington Seven pounds five Shillings Eleven pence half penny	7	5	11½
Newtown five pounds Seven Shillings nine pence halfpenny	5	7	9½
Nottingham Ten pounds one penny half penny	10	0	1½
Newmarket Fourteen pounds four Shillings eleven pence half penny	14	4	11½
Plastow Six pounds eleven pence half penny	6	0	11½
Pelham Seven pounds Seventeen Shillings a penny half penny	7	17	1½
Pembroke Eight pounds three ⁿ Shillings ten pence halfpenny	8	3	10½
Poplin Six pounds nineteen Shillings & Six pence half penny	6	19	6½
Rye Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings & half penny	8	16	0½
Raymond Seven pounds thirteen Shillings ten Pence halfpenny	7	13	10½

South Hampton Seven pounds thirteen shillings & halfpenny	7	13	0½
Sandown Six pounds eleven Shillings ten pence halfpenny	6	11	10½
Salem Eleven pounds nine pence half penny	11	0	9½
Stratham Twelve pounds ten Shillings ten pence halfpenny	12	10	10½
Seabrook Six pounds ten Shillings halfpenny	6	10	0½
Windham five Pounds twelve Shillings ten pence half penny	5	12	10½
Canterbury Nine pounds Six Shillings nine pence half penny	9	6	9½
Loudon four pounds nineteen Shillings eight pence halfpenny	4	19	8½
New Castle two pounds Eleven Shillings Eight pence	2	11	8
Portsmouth thirty Six pounds ten Shillings Eight pence halfpenny	36	10	8½

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

Barnstead two pounds Eight Shillings & nine pence	2	8	9
Barrington thirteen pounds Seventeen shill ^s five pence half penny	13	17	5½
Campton two pounds three Shillings nine pence one farthing	2	3	9¼
Conway three pounds Eight Shillings six pence three farthings	3	8	6¾
Dover Seventeen pounds seventeen Shillings five pence halfpenny	17	17	5½
Durham thirteen pounds nineteen Shillings Eleven pence half penny	13	19	11½
Gilmantown Nine pounds nine Shillings Six pence half penny	9	9	6½
Gore adjoining New Durham one pound ten Shil- lings four pence three farthings	1	10	4¾
New Holderness two pounds Seven Shillings four pence	2	7	4
Leavitstown one pound one Shilling nine pence halfpenny	1	1	9½
Lee Eleven pounds two Shillings & a penny	11	2	1
Madbury Seven pounds twelve Shillings nine pence halfpenny	7	12	9½
Middletown Two pounds eight Shillings seven pence half penny	2	8	7½
Meredith Three pounds nineteen Shillings & a farthing	3	19	0¼

Moultonborough four pounds nine Shillings ten pence	4	9	10
New Durham three pounds ninepence half penny	3	0	9½
Rochester Seventeen pounds Seventeen Shillings nine pence farthing	17	17	9¼
Sanborntown five pounds nineteen Shillings five pence three farthings	5	19	5¾
Sandwich four pounds nine pence	4	0	9
Somersworth Ten pounds Six Shillings Eleven pence	10	6	11
Tamworth one pound twelve Shillings three pence half penny	1	12	3½
Tuftonborough Eighteen Shillings three pence	0	18	3
Wolfeborough three pounds five Shillings two pence farthing	3	5	2¼
Wakefield four pounds two shillings three pence three farthings	4	2	3¾

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Antrim one pound five Shillings ten pence	1	5	10
Amherst Eighteen pounds Six Shillings three pence	18	6	3
Bedford Six pounds three Shillings	6	3	
Boscawen Six pounds nine Shillings eight pence one farthing	6	9	8¼
Derryfield two pounds eleven Shillings eleven pence halfpenny	2	11	11½
Dearing three pounds Eight pence three farthings	3	0	8¾
Duxbury & Mile Slip one pound two Shillings one penny halfpenny	1	2	1½
Dunbarton Six pounds eleven Shillings eight pence	6	11	8
Dunstable Six pounds five Shillings Eleven pence	6	5	11
Goffstown Seven pounds thirteen Shillings half penny	7	13	0½
Fishersfield one pound four Shillings four pence one farthing	1	4	4¼
Henniker four pounds Eight Shillings four pence half penny	4	8	4½
Hillsborough two pounds eighteen Shillings three farthings	2	18	0¾
Holles fifteen pounds two Shillings Six pence half penny	15	2	6½
Hopkington Eleven pounds twelve Shillings two pence half penny	11	12	2½
Frances town three pounds twelve Shillings eleven pence farthing	3	12	11¼

Litchfield three pounds Seven Shillings three pence halfpenny	3	7	3½
Lyndeborough Seven pounds Seven Shillings four pence half penny	7	7	4½
Mason five pounds Eight Shillings Seven pence	5	8	7
Merrimac five pounds eighteen shillings eleven pence three farthings	5	18	11¾
New Boston Seven pounds three Shillings nine pence	7	3	9
New Briton two pounds three Shillings two pence one farthing	2	3	2¼
New Ipswich twelve pounds eleven Shillings Six pence	12	11	6
Nottingham west Six pounds five Shillings ten pence	6	5	10
Perrystown one pound three farthings	1	0	0¾
Peterboroughslip one pound Six Shillings nine pence	1	6	9
Peterborough Seven pounds Eleven Shillings four pence	7	11	4
Raby one pound eleven Shillings Seven pence half penny	1	11	7½
Salisbury Six pounds fourteen Shillings two pence	6	14	2
Society Land one pound five Shillings eleven pence	1	5	11
Temple five pounds nine Shillings Eight pence three farthings	5	9	8¾
Weare Nine pounds Eleven shillings eleven pence	9	11	11
Warner two pounds Seven shillings Eight pence half penny	2	7	8½
Wilton Nine pounds ten shillings three pence farthing	9	10	3¼

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Alstead four pounds Seven shillings eleven pence	4	7	11
Ackworth Two pounds ten Shillings	2	10	
Charlestown Eight pounds fifteen shillings one penny	8	15	1
Cornish four pounds Seventeen Shillings three pence	4	17	3
Claremont Six pounds two Shillings nine pence	6	2	9
Croydon two pounds five Shillings Seven pence	2	5	7
Chesterfield Eight pounds eight shillings one penny	8	8	1
Dublin three pounds nineteen Shillings nine pence	3	19	9
Fitz William four pounds two Shillings Eight pence	4	2	8

Gilsom two pounds Six Shillings Eight pence	2	6	8
Grantham one pound ten Shillings four pence	1	10	4
Hinsdale four pounds Seventeen shillings three pence	4	17	3
Jaffrey five pounds nine shillings five pence	5	9	5
Keen Ten pounds five shillings nine pence	10	5	9
Lempster one pound Sixteen Shillings five pence	1	16	5
Marlow two pounds twelve shillings ten pence	2	12	10
Marleborough four pounds Six Shillings	4	6	
Newport two pounds five shillings three pence	2	5	3
Plainfield four pounds Seventeen shillings three pence	4	17	3
Packersfield two pounds nineteen shillings three pence	2	19	3
Protectectworth Eighteen Shillings & two pence	0	18	2
Rindge Seven pounds fifteen Shillings ten pence	7	15	10
Richmond Seven pounds Sixteen shillings Seven pence	7	16	7
Swansey Seven pounds Six Shillings & three pence	7	6	3
Surry two pounds fifteen Shillings & ten pence	2	15	10
Saville one pound ten Shillings four pence three farthings	1	10	4¾
Stoddard two pounds fifteen shillings nine pence	2	15	9
Unity two pounds four shillings three pence half penny	2	4	3½
Walpole Eight pounds thirteen Shillings Eight pence halfpenny	8	13	8½
Westmoreland Eight pounds fourteen shillings a penny three farthings	8	14	1¾
Winchester Seven pounds Seventeen shill's nine pence	7	17	9
Washington two pounds Sixteen Shillings five pence	2	16	5

COUNTY OF GRAFTON

Alexandria four pounds Seventeen Shillings three pence	4	17	3
Apthorp one pound sixteen Shillings five pence three farthings	1	16	5¾
Bath four pounds seventeen Shillings three pence two farthings	4	17	3½
Canaan three pounds nine pence half penny	3		9½
Cockermouth one pound Sixteen shillings five pence half penny	1	16	5½
Cockburn Eighteen Shillings two pence three farthings	0	18	2¾

Cardigan one pound four shillings four pence	1	4	4
Dorchester one pound four shillings four pence	1	4	4
Grafton one pound Sixteen shillings five pence three farthings	1	16	5¾
Gunthwaite one pound four shillings four pence	1	4	4
Haverhill four pounds Six Shillings Eleven pence halfpenny	4	6	11½
Hannover Six pounds one shilling seven pence	6	1	7
Lancaster four pounds eleven shillings two pence one farthing	4	11	2½
Lebanon four pound seventeen shillings three pence halfpenny	4	17	3½
Lyme three pounds twelve shillings eleven pence one farthing	3	12	11¼
Landaff Eighteen shillings three pence	0	18	3
Morristown one pound four shillings four pence	1	4	4
New Chester one pound Sixteen shillings four pence farthing	1	16	4¼
Northumberland three pounds nine pence half penny	3	0	9½
Orford four pounds eleven shillings three pence	4	11	3
Plymouth four pounds fifteen shillings Eight pence half penny	4	15	8½
Piermont three pounds nine pence half penny	3	0	9½
Relhan one pound ten shillings four pence three farthings	1	10	4¾
Rumney two pounds eleven shillings four pence three farthings	2	11	4¾
Stratford Eighteen Shillings two pence three farthings	0	18	2¾
Shelburne Eighteen Shillings three pence	0	18	3
Thornton one pound nineteen shillings Eight pence halfpenny	1	19	8½
Warren one pound four shillings four pence	1	4	4
Wentworth one pound ten shillings four pence three farthings	1	10	4¾
Lyman one pound ten shillings four pence three farthings	1	10	4¾
Dartmouth one pound	1	0	0

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Proportion shall be for all State Taxes until a new Proportion shall be made and established and that the Treasurer for the Time being issue out his Warrants accordingly—

And Whereas there are sundry Places among the foregoing names of Places which are not incorporated, and have no legal authority to assess and collect the Sums to be raised.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Joseph Badger and Simeon Dearborn Esq^{ts} or either of them for the County of Strafford, Benjamin Gyles and William Haywood Esq^{ts} or either of them for the County of Cheshire Francis Blood Esq^r and Captⁿ John Putney or either of them for the County of Hillsborough John Hurd and Samuel Emerson Esq^{ts} and M^r Joseph Whipple, any or either of them, for the County of Grafton, are hereby appointed to call meetings of the Inhabitants of all such Places in their respective Counties, which are not incorporated, giving public notice thereof by causing a notification, setting forth the Time Place and Occasion of such Meeting, to be posted up publickly in said Place at least fourteen Days before the time of holding such meeting, to chuse all such Officers as are necessary for assessing and collecting the State Tax, which meetings shall be holden in said Places respectively by the first Day of february next and the Selectmen of each Place chosen at said Meeting shall call meetings of the Inhabitants of their respective Places to be held within the Same on the last Monday in March to chuse all the officers necessary for the Purpose aforesaid, and so proceed annually until a New Proportion for the State Tax shall be made and established—And the Officers so chosen shall be under Oath for the faithful discharge of their Duty—And shall have thesame Power and Authority in their respective Stations as the like Officers in Towns incorporated are, by law invested with, and shall be liable to the same Penalties for the neglect of their Duty as the like Officers in Towns incorporated are by law liable to.

And the inhabitants of all such Places are hereby indulged with one Month longer before they pay their first State Tax, than those places which are incorporated—And Whereas The several Towns of Tuftonborough Shelburne Cockburn Protectworth Dartmouth and Morristown, which are mentioned in the aforegoing Proportion, are not inhabited, or have so few Inhabitants as that they are incapable of chusing the Officers aforesaid, Assessing, & collecting the State Tax—Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Treasurer for the Time being, shall at The Time of issuing his Warrants Annually for the State Tax, give public Notice in the New Hampshire Gazette and in some one of the Boston News Papers of the Sums proportioned to, and to be paid by the Owners (collectively) of the Lands in the said Towns, requiring them to pay the same into the Treasury by the same time that other Towns are required to pay their said Tax, and that if they neglect to pay the Same so much of their Lands will be sold by order of the General Court as will pay said Tax with incidental Charges—

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE REPEALING THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL COURT MADE THE PRESENT YEAR AGAINST MONOPOLY AND OPPRESSION—

[Passed Nov. 27, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 52; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 365. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 97. This act repeals the acts of Jan. 18, 1777 and April 10, 1777.]

Whereas the Several Acts to prevent monopoly & oppression made the present year have been very far from answering the Salutory Purposes for which they were intended—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the Same That the aforesaid Acts viz One Act Intituled An Act for Regulating the prices of Sundry Articles therein enumerated : And another Act Intituled An Act in addition to an Act Intituled an Act for the Regulating the prices of Sundry Articles therein enumerated made the present year be & they are hereby Repealed ; & every Part and paragraph of each of the Acts aforesaid declared null and void.

CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR DRAWING IN & SINKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THE SEVERAL DENOMINATIONS NOT ON INTEREST, WHICH HAVE AT ANY TIME BEEN ISSUED BY THIS STATE, AND ARE STILL OUTSTANDING, SMALL CHANGE LESS THAN A DOLLAR ONLY EXCEPTED.

[Passed Nov. 29, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 53; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 374. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 107. See act of Jan 16, 1782.]

Whereas many Inconveniencies have arisen from the frequent & large Sums of Money and the various kinds emitted for carrying on the present War, and it hath become necessary for the Welfare of this State that the whole Sum not on Interest now outstanding in Bills of Credit emitted by this State, small Change less than a Dollar only excepted should be called in and Sunk by exchanging them for Treasurer's Notes for Sums not less than

five pounds on Interest to be paid annually at the rate of Six p^r Cent : p^r Annum—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that the Treasurer of this State for the time being be & hereby is authorized and impowered to receive into the public Treasury the whole and every part and Parcel of the Bills of public Credit emitted by this State not on Interest (small change less than a Dollar only excepted) and in Lieu thereof to give to the Possessor or possessors his Note or Obligation for any Sum not less than five pounds untill he shall have exchanged or redeemed the whole Sum emitted as aforesaid. (Provided the Possessor or Possessors of the Bills emitted as aforesaid shall offer the same for exchange or Redemption before the first day of March next) which Note or Obligation shall be in the form following Viz^t—

State of New Hampshire

The day of Anno Domini Received of
the Sum of for the Use and Service of the State of New
Hampshire and in behalf of said State I Do hereby promise and
oblige myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer to repay
the said by the first day of March A D 1779 the
aforesaid Sum of with Interest at Six per Cent : per
Annum—

Witness my hand N. G. Treasurer

A. B. }
C. D. } Committee.

which form shall be printed on good paper to be procured by the Treasurer with suitable Borders round the same—

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that M^r John Smith & Noah Emery Esq^r be a Committee who shall sign all the Blanks at the left hand as in the form aforesaid is prescribed before the Treasurer fill them up : and the said Committee and the person or persons to be employed in printing said Blanks shall be under Oath for the faithful discharge of their respective Trusts—

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE TRANSFER OR CONVEYANCE OF THE ESTATES, AND PROPERTY OF ALL SUCH PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN, OR SHALL BE APPREHENDED UPON SUSPICION OF BEING GUILTY OF TREASON, MISPRISION OF TREASON, OR OTHER INIMICAL PRACTICES, RESPECTING THIS STATE, THE UNITED STATES, ANY OR EITHER OF THEM, AND ALSO FOR SECURING ALL LANDS WITHIN THIS STATE, AS WELL OF SUCH PERSONS AS HAVE TRAITEROUSLY DESERTED, OR MAY HEREAFTER DESERT THE COMMON CAUSE OF AMERICA, AND HAVE GONE OVER TO, OR IN ANY WAY OR MANNER JOINED OUR ENIMIES, AS OF THOSE WHO BELONG TO OR RESIDE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

[Passed Nov. 29, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 54; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 375. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 110. Partially repealed by act of June 16, 1785. Repealed June 20, 1792. See resolution of Dec. 26, 1777, Laws, 1780 ed, p. 112.]

Whereas persons who have been, or may be apprehended for the Crimes of Treason, Misprision of Treason, or other inimical practices against this State, the United States of America, or any, or Either of them, as also all Those persons against whom Warrant or other Process have issued, or may issue for being guilty of any, or either of the Offences afores^d, and also such person or persons as have absconded, or may hereafter abscond, or Join our Inimies, may with design to Elude Justice, and prevent Answering to the public in Damages either by themselves, or some other person for or under them, Transfer & Convey their Estates, & property, or fallaciously give Security for the payment of money, after such warrants or process issuing, their absconding, or being apprehended, as aforesaid—

For Prevention whereof

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same— That when and so often as it Shall happen that any Warrant or other Process hath issued or Shall issue within this State against any person or persons whomsoever, who have been, or shall be, Charged with Treason, Misprision of Treason, or other inimical Practices respecting this State the united States of America, any or Either of them or Who have been or shall be apprehended on acc^t thereof & before Legal Discharge therefrom or who have heretofore absconded or shall hereafter abscond or go over to our

Enimies, or otherwise aid & assist them, Then and in that Case all & every Deed or other instrument of Conveyance, & every Other Mode of Transfer, of Estates as well real as personal, Indorsements of Notes, assignments of Bonds, Mortgages, or any other Securities of what kind name or Nature soever,—from & after, such Warrant or other process, shall have issued, apprehension, absconding, going over to Joining with, aiding or assisting our Enimies as afores^d—made & Executed by any Such offender, or offenders, or by any person or Persons for or under them or any of them to Transfer or Convey any Estate or Estates real or personal Situate & being within the limits of this State, and all indorsements of Notes, Assignments of Bonds Mortgages or any Other Securities of every kind name or nature as afores^d & every kind of Security for the payment of money or delivery of other Articles—made or executed by any such Offender, or offenders, or by any person or persons for or under them after such Warrant or other Process hath, or shall issue, against him, or them, for any of the Crimes or misdemeanors afores^d or his her or their being apprehended upon account thereof, & before legal Discharge, or after absconding, going over to Joining with, aiding or assisting our Enimies as afores^d Shall be, & hereby are Declared to be to all intents, & purposes Null & void—

And be it further enacted by the Authority afores^d that all & every Deed, Grant or other Instrument of Conveyance & every other Mode of Transfer of Estates, Situated or being within the limits of this State, as well real, as personal from & After the passing of this Act, made or Executed by any person or persons body Politick or Corporate belonging to or residing in Great Britain, or made, or Executed by any person or persons for, or under, him, her, or them Shall be to all intents & purposes Null and Void—

And be it further enacted by the Authority afores^d That the whole of the Estates both real & personal, Situated, & being within the limits of this State, together with y^e Rents, income & emoluments arising there from,—belonging to any person or persons, against whom warrants, or other Process have issued respecting any of the offences or misdemeanours afores^d or who have been apprehended upon acct, thereof, & have not been legally Discharged therefrom—or that have, absconded, & gone over to, or Joined with, aided & assisted our Enimies as afores^d or belonging to any person or persons, body Politick, or Corporate inhabitants of, belonging to, or residing in Great Britain as afores^d—Shall forthwith, by virtue of this Act, be seized appraised & Taken into Custody for & in behalf of the Government & people of this State, either for Safe keeping, or to be disposed of from Time to time as shall be ordered & directed by the General Assembly of this State—And be it further enacted that when and so often as it shall happen that any warrant or other Process shall be issued against any person or persons for any

of the Crimes or misdemeanours afors^d or that any person or Persons shall abscond go over to, Join with, Aid or assist our Enimies as afors^d having any Estate either real or Personal within the limits of this State, every such Estate, or Estates, whether real or personal Shall be Seized, appraised, & Taken into Custody in y^e manner & for y^e purposes afors^d—

And be it further enacted by the authority afors^d that the Selectmen for y^e Time being of each & every Town, Parish or Place where any Such Estate or Estates either real or Personal shall happen to be, or the Selectmen of the Oldest Town next adjoining to any such Town, parish, or place Not inhabited, or where there are no Selectmen—are hereby directed and impowered forthwith,—and from Time to time as ocasion may hereafter require, to sieze, Appraise & Take into Custody all Estates either real or personal directed in & by this Act to be Taken into Custody for & in behalf of the Govern^t & People of this State, Together with all Profits, incomes, & emoluments arising from or belonging to such Estates & for the purposes mentioned in this Act and the said Selectmen are hereby further directed from time to time to Cause a Just & fair inventory of all & every part & parcel of such Estate or Estates, real or personal by them, respectively seized or Taken into Custody from time to time as afors^d to be made out, under Oath, and Returned into the Secretarys office in this state within Two months next after any such Estates Shall be seized & Taken into Custody as afors^d Together with y^e yearly Rents or Profits arising from any such Estate—all which they the said Selectmen are to account for to y^e govern^t & People of this State upon Oath, in such manner as shall hereafter be directed by the General Assembly of s^d State—for all which service Said Selectmen shall be intitled to receive a reasonable reward from out of the public Treasury—

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES & TAXES AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN & PARISH AFFAIRS PASSED THE SECOND DAY OF JULY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX—

[Passed Nov. 29, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 55; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 379. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 108. See acts of May 23, 1778 and Dec. 26, 1778. Repealed by act of March 16, 1780, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 215, and by act of June 12, 1784.]

Whereas the Council & assembly of said State in their present Session have made a New Proportion for a Rule in paying the State tax among the Several Towns Parishes & Places in said State and in Addition to the Several Rateable Articles named in the aforesaid Act have taken in the sum Total of all Real Estate not included in any of the said Articles viz Land & Buildings not included as aforesaid and it appearing Reasonable that each Town Parish or Place who has been Proportioned to the State Tax for said last Article should be enabled to Assess & Collect the same from the Owners of such Lands & Buildings in their Respective Towns.—

Therefore Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same That the sum Total of the Value of all Real Estate not included before as aforesaid shall be Estimated at half of one $\frac{1}{2}$ Cent in the same Manner as money or Stock in Trade.—

And Whereas Great part of said Lands may be Owned by Persons unknown or not inhabiting the Towns where the Lands Lye and have no personal Estate therein—whereon Distraint for the said Tax can be made and that the payment thereof may be enforced in as Equitable a Manner as possible.—

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That in all Towns Parishes & Places where the Owners of any such lands are not Resident therein & are Known they shall be Rated in Proportion to their Interest by the Rule afores^d and in Case the Owners are unknown then the same land Shall be Rated in the name of the Original Proprietor and each lot belonging to such Proprietors share shall be set down Separately in the list of Rates & when the assessment is made & deliverd to the Constable or Collector he shall cause an Advertisem^t to be published in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks Successively with a list of the Names of all Non Resid^{ts} taxed as aforesaid & the Respective sums they are

Assessed Requiring them to pay the Same to him Within Eight weeks from the date of said Advertisement or their lands will be sold for payment of the Same, And the said Constables or Collectors at the end of said Eight Weeks is hereby Impowered to Advertise as aforesaid the lands of all such Delinquents for Sale giving Notice of the time & place of said Sale and in Case the said tax with Incidental Charges is not paid before the time appointed for said Sale the Constable or Collector shall proceed & sell by public Auction as much of said lands or each of said lots as will pay the tax laid thereon with the Incidental Charges & to Execute a Good Deed thereof to the purchasor or purchasors Saving the Rights of all Persons Actually Engaged in the War, in the Service of this Continent, or in Captivity, being out of said State so far as to Allow them their Heirs or assigns three Months After the Impediment shall be removed for their paying the Sum as aforesaid with interest to Redeem the same.—

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND CONTINUE IN FORCE FOR A LIMITED TIME TWO LAWS OF THIS STATE WHICH WERE MADE TEMPORARY & HAVE EXPIRED.

[Passed Nov. 29, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 56; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 361. This act revives the acts relating to proprietors and proprietary meetings.]

Whereas two Laws of this State, the One Intituled “An Act “in addition to several Laws of this province relative to proprietors directing now proprietary Meetings of the Owners of land “and other real Estate lying and held common & undivided may “be called, and their common & public Affairs transacted.” the Other, intituled “An Act in further Addition to the several “Laws of the province relating to the Affairs of proprietors of “common & undivided lands: and to enforce the payment of “Taxes that are or shall be legally assessed on the proprietors “of New Townships and to promote a speedy Settlement thereof: “& to render Lots of land held in severalty, subject to Taxes for “the Settlement of the land granted.” which were made Temporary and have expired, Were, while in force found to be beneficial & would be further useful if revived—Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled that the Laws aforesaid which have expired be, and hereby are revived and continued in full force & Effect for the Term of three Years from and after the passing of this Act & no longer—

[THIRD GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Five Sessions, December 17, 1777, to November 28, 1778.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
George King,	Portsmouth.
Timothy Walker,	Concord.
John Wentworth,	Dover.
Ebenezer Thompson,	Durham.
Jonathan Blanchard,	Dunstable.
Matthew Patten,	Bedford.
Samuel Ashley	Winchester.
Benjamin Bellows,	Walpole.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Atkinson and }	Nathaniel Peabody.
Plaistow, }	
Bow and }	Jeremiah Page.
Dunbarton, }	Samuel Dudley.
Brentwood,	Moses Baker.
Candia,	
Canterbury }	Samuel Chamberlain.
and Loudon, }	
Chester,	John Webster.
	Robert Wilson.
Concord,	Thomas Stickney.
Deerfield and }	Jeremiah Eastman.
Northwood, }	
Epping,	Daniel Gordon.
Epsom, Chichester }	John McClary.
and Allenstown, }	

Exeter,	Thomas Odiorne.
Greenland,	Samuel Hobart.
Hampstead,	Joshua Haines.
Hampton,	John Calfe.
Hampton Falls,	Josiah Moulton.
Kensington,	Henry Roby.
Kingston and } East Kingston, }	Ebenezer Potter.
Londonderry,	Samuel Philbrick.
Newcastle,	John Pinkerton.
Newington,	John Gilmore.
Newmarket,	John Blunt.
North Hampton,	Richard Downing.
Nottingham,	Samuel Gilman.
Pelham,	Levi Dearborn.
Portsmouth,	Thomas Bartlett.
	James Gibson.
	John Langdon.
	George Gaines.
	Samuel Cutts.
Raymond } and Poplin, }	John Dudley.
Rye,	Nathan Goss.
Salem,	Jeremiah Dow.
Sandown and } Hawke, }	David Tilton.
South Hampton } and Newton, }	Eliphalet Merrill.
Stratham,	Simon Wiggin.
Windham,	James Betton.

Strafford County.

Barrington,	James Marden.
Dover,	John Wentworth, Jr.
	Caleb Hodgdon.
Durham,	John Smith.
Gilmanton and } Barnstead, }	John Tasker.
Lee,	Hercules Mooney.
Meredith, and } Sanbornton }	Ebenezer Smith.
New Durham, The Gore } and Wolfeborough, }	Thomas Tash.
Rochester,	James Knowlton.
Sandwich, Tam- } worth and Moul- }	Bradbury Richardson.
tonborough	

Somersworth,	Paul Wentworth.
Wakefield, Middleton and }	Nathaniel Balch.
Leavittstown	

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,	Moses Nichols.
	Josiah Crosby.
Derryfield and }	Moses Kelley.
Goffstown,	
Dunstable,	Jonathan Lovewell.
Henniker, Hillsborough, etc.,	Joseph Simonds.
Hollis,	Stephen Ames.
Hopkinton,	Stephen Harriman.
Litchfield and }	James Underwood.
Nottingham West,	
Mason and }	Amos Dakin.
Raby,	
Merrimack }	Samuel Patten.
and Bedford, }	
New Boston and }	Archibald McMillan.
Francestown,	
New Breton, Warner, }	Daniel Flood.
Perrystown and }	Appeared August 12,
Fishersfield,	1778.
	Nathaniel Stone.
New Ipswich,	
Temple and }	Jonathan Blanchard.
Peterborough, }	
Weare,	Samuel Caldwell.
Wilton, Lyndeborough, Mile }	Abiel Abbott.
Strip and Duxbury Farm,	

Cheshire County.

Acworth, Lempster, Saville, }	Benjamin Giles.
Croydon, Unity and Newport, }	William Heywood.
Charlestown,	Elihu Stevens.
Claremont,	
Dublin and }	Benjamin Tucker.
Monadnock No 5, }	
Hinsdale and }	Michael Cressey.
Chesterfield, }	
Keene,	Timothy Ellis.
Marlow, Surry }	Absalom Kingsbury.
and Alstead, }	
Packersfield, Stoddard }	Joseph Rounseval.
and Gilsum,	

Richmond,		Daniel Read. Appeared February 11, 1778.
Rindge, Jaffrey and Peterborough Slip, }		William Smiley.
Swanzey and }		John Mellin.
Fitzwilliam, }		Christopher Webber. Appeared February 11, 1778.
Walpole,		Ebenezer Britton. Reuben Alexander.
Westmoreland,		
Winchester,		
Grafton County.		
Plymouth, New Chester, }		Francis Worcester.
Cockermouth and }		Appeared February 11, 1778.
Alexandria,		
Rumney, Holderness, }		Daniel Brainerd.
Campton and }		
Thornton,		

[*First Session, Held at Exeter, December 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 1777; January 1, 2, 3, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR CONTINUING IN FORCE A CERTAIN ACT INTITLED
“AN ACT FOR TAKING UP & IMPRISONING OR OTHERWISE
RESTRAINING PERSONS DANGEROUS TO THIS STATE”.—

[Passed Dec. 25, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 57; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 380. This act continues the act of June 19, 1777.]

Whereas the said act has been found beneficial & of public utility but being made temporary is now near expiring.—

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general court assembled and by the authority of the same, That all & every paragraph in the before in-part recited act be and hereby are continued in full force to all intents and purposes until the first day of January 1779 & no longer.—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE WILLET PETERSON TO REDEEM CERTAIN LANDS BY HIM MORTGAGED TO JAMES MCMASTERS AND OTHERS.—

[Passed Dec. 30, 1777. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 58; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 381.]

Whereas the said Willet Peterson hath preferred a Petition to the General Court of this State Setting forth; That on or about the Thirteenth Day of May one thousand Seven hundred and Seventy four, he, being indebted to James McMasters then of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham in said State, and Patrick McMasters of Boston in the County of Suffolk & Province of the Massachusetts Bay; and John McMasters of London in the Kingdom of Great Britain, Merchants in Company, one hundred pounds lawful Money & upwards, by a Note of hand signed by him, with which Security they not being Satisfied, He, as a collateral Security, made and executed to them, a Deed of Mortgage of a certain Tract of Land situate in Kingston (in the said County of Rockingham) containing fifty Acres more or less, beginning at the high way by land of Nathaniel Garland, thence running easterly by said Garlands Land, & Land of David Kelley, thence Southerly to Land of Samuel Colcord, thence Easterly & Southerly by said Colcords Land to the highway, thence Easterly on said Highway to land he (said Peterson) purchased of Elijah Weed—Thence Northerly on said land purchased of said Weed, to land Improved by James Procter, thence northerly on said Land improved by said Procter & Land of Ebenezer Griffin & Land of John Calfe & land of Nathan Swett, then Westerly on said Swetts land, to land of Cap^t John Huntoon, then running by said John Huntoon's land to the highway first mentioned, thence Southerly by said highway to the bounds first mentioned, the said Premises being the same that he purchased of Josiah Judkins by Deed dated the eighteenth Day of October 1768 and recorded in the records of the Province of New Hampshire Lib. 94-Fol 142. Upon which Mortgage Deed the said James McMasters & Company commenced their Action of Ejectment against him At the Inferior Court of Common pleas holden at Portsmouth in & for said County of Rockingham at November Term 1774 When & where he (said Peterson) was defaulted; and Judgment was rendered for the Plaintiffs (James McMasters & Company) to recover against him the Sum of one hundred & thirty eight pounds fourteen Shillings & five pence Damage, & cost of suit taxed at one

pound eighteen Shillings, by the plaintiffs in that behalf expended. And in default of Payment thereof, within two months, from the Seventh Day of the same November 1774 ; That the Plaintiff have Execution for the Premises sued for & Costs : from which judgment he, afterwards, in the same Term, appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature, to be holden at Portsmouth, on the first Tuesday of March then next ; & gave bond by way of recognizance to prosecute his said Appeal According to Law ; but did not prosecute his said Appeal; that the said M^cMasters & Company did not, nor any person for them, prosecute the said Suit by complaint, or otherwise, according to Law : That he (said Peterson) therefore conceives that the said judgment of the said Inferior Court is become void, & that he lays exposed to another Suit or Suits, on the said Note of hand, & Mortgage Deed aforesaid, which to him would be very grievous, as he now is & for a long time past has been ready to pay the said Debt, & take up his said Note, & receive a Discharge of the said Mortgage ; but that no person has appeared duly qualified to transact the said Affair with him. That he understands the said James M^cMasters & Company are interdicted to transact such Affairs in this State, as being inimical to the Liberties of the American States ; and that the said James M^cMasters has eloped from this State—

And Praying that an Act might be passed to nullify & vacate the said Mortgage Deed & Note of hand, & to appoint some person or persons to receive the said Debt of him & to discharge him therefrom And that he may be reinstated in his former Title to said Land which appearing to be reasonable and just, Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Court assembled & by the Authority of the same. That Nicholas Gilman Esq^r Treasurer of said State be, and he hereby is, appointed and authorized to receive of the said Willet Peterson, his Executors or Administrators, what he may find due of the Said Debt and the Interest thereof to the time of the Payment of the Same, and said Costs ; and upon receipt thereof that he Cause Satisfaction and Payment to be entered in the Margin of the Record of the said Mortgage, in the Records of the said County of Rockingham and that he sign the same ; which Satisfaction and Payment so signed, shall forever thereafter discharge defeat and release, the said Mortgage, and note of hand ; & perpetually bar all Actions which shall be brought by the said James M^cMasters & Company their heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns, or any Indorsee of the said Note, as fully and amply to all Intents, as if the said James M^cMasters & Company, or any of them, had Caused the said Satisfaction, and Payment, to have been entered and had signed the same—and that the said Willet Peterson be reinstated in his former Title to the said Lands as fully as if the said Mortgage Deed had never been executed—And

that the Money so received be disposed of and applyed as the General Court of this State shall hereafter order and direct—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE FAIR DEALING AND TO RESTRAIN AND PUNISH SHARPEERS AND OPPRESSORS.—

[Passed Jan. 2, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 59; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 384.]

Whereas every Act to Enhance the prices of Merchandize, or any of the Necessaries and conveniencies of Life, bought and Sold, is at all Times Immoral, Oppressive to the Poor, and Pernicious to the State and more Especially so at the Present time by reason of the Interruption of Commerce, and the great Demand for many Articles, Occasion'd by the Warr.—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the Same, That from and after the Tenth day of January Current, no Person in this State Shall Purchase any of the following Articles except in Small Quantities, for their own use, or the Consumption of their Families, or Immediate Dependents or Trades men & Artificers for carrying on the Business of their respective Trades Viz. Iron, Steel, Coal, Rum, Sugar, Molasses, Wine, Tea, Coffe, Salt, Tow Cloth, or any kind of Linnen or woollen Cloth, Stockings, Shoes, Raw hides, Leather, wool, flax, Cotton, Cotton & Wool Cards, Butter—Chese, Wheat, Rye, Barley, oats, Indian Corn, Beans, Peas, Meal or Flour of any kind, Beef, Pork, Cyder, Tobacco, Neat Cattle, Sheep, or any other Live Stock except to keep or Fatt, on their own Farms; Unless Such Person first obtain a Licence therefor Signed by the Committee of Safety and Selectmen of the Town or place wherein Such Person Dwells or a Major part of them when Convened together, who Shall not Grant Such Licence to any persons but Such as are of Good Character for Probity, Public Spirit, and friends to the Freedom & Independence of the United States of America, and who Shall have first Taken and Subscribed the oath or Affirmation of Fidelity to this State, which all Officers are Enjoined to take,—And if any Person So Licenced Shall misbehave himself in Said Business by Selling any Articles at Unreasonable Prices, or by refusing to Sell them at reasonable prices for any money Current in this State, the Said Committee of Safety and Selectmen or the Major part of

them may revoke the Licence granted to Such Person so Misbehaving as aforesaid.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That no person Shall Sell in this State any of the Articles aforementioned which he hath Engrossed, or which he may hereafter purchase and bring in from any of the Neighbouring States without first Obtaining a Licence therefor as aforesaid or a Permitt from the President of the Council or the Committee of Safety for this State, on Penalty of forfeiting Double the Value of Every Article So Sold, nor Shall any such Engrosser Carry any of the Articles aforesaid out of this State to Dispose of without a licence or permitt from the Authority aforesaid under the like Penalty.—

And whereas many persons under Pretence of being Employ'd to Purchase for the Army may have heretofore purchased up many of the Articles Enumerated in this Act in order to Engross them, and Sell them again at Exorbitant Prices.—

Be it therefore Further Enacted That no Commissary or Assistant Commissary or other Person whatever Authorised to purchase Supplies for the Army or Navy of the United States, Shall Purchase any Such Articles in this State, untill he hath produced his Authority to and obtained a Certificate from the President of the Council or the Committee of Safety of this State—And any Person who shall Purchase any of the Articles aforesaid under pretence that they are for the use of the Army or Navy, who is not properly Authorized as aforesaid Shall Forfeit Treble the Value of the Articles so Purchased—

And whosoever Shall be Guilty of the Breach of the first Paragraph in this Act, by purchasing any of the Articles therein mentioned without License obtained therefor as aforesaid shall Forfeit Double the Value of the Articles so Purchased.—

And all Forfeitures arising by Vertue of this Act Shall belong the one half to the Person who Shall Inform thereof and Prosecute the Same to Effect, and the other half to be for the use of this State & Delivered to the Treasurer thereof Accordingly—Said forfeitures to be recovered before a Justice of the peace where the forfeiture do not Exceed forty Shillings, and above that Sum by a Jury at the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County wherein the offence Shall be Committed.—

And it is hereby recommended that all Persons be Vigilant in Detecting & Prosecuting all Breaches of this Act, and it Shall be the Duty of All Civil & Peace officers to Present all breaches of this Act within their knowledge—

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid That all Justices of the peace in their respective Counties, and also the Clerks of the Several Towns within this State in their respective Towns be & hereby are Authorized to Administer the oath or Affirmation of fidelity in all Cases required by this Act they having first Taken Such oath or Affirmation themselves—This Act

to Continue & be in force untill the first day of July next and no Longer.—

{ *State of* } In the House of Representatives, December
 { *New Hampshire.* } 26th, 1777.

Whereas in and by an Act of the General Assembly of said State, made and passed the present Year, intituled "An Act to prevent the "Transfer or Conveyance of the Estates and Property of all such "Persons who have been, or shall be apprehended for counterfeiting "or fraudulently passing any counterfeit Bills, Notes or Currency of "this State, or of the United States of America, or either of them, or "of the United States Lottery Tickets, or the Loan Office Certificates; "and also of the Estates and Property of all such Persons against "whom Warrants have issued, or may issue for being guilty of "either of said Offences, and have absconded, or that shall here- "after abscond." It is among other Things declared, That all and every Deed or other Instrument of Conveyance, and every other Mode of Transfer of Estates Real or Personal (from and after the passing said Act,) made and passed by such Offenders, or by any Person under them, after being apprehended as aforesaid, and before legal Discharge therefrom, shall be utterly Void and of none Effect: And whereas it may happen that certain Persons may be convicted of the Crimes aforesaid, and fined a Sum adequate to such Crime, and without the Interposition of the General Assembly may operate as a perpetual Imprisonment:

Therefore,

Be it Resolved, That it shall and may be lawful for such Offender or Offenders, after Conviction, to make Sale of such Part of his or their Real or Personal Estate (at public Auction only) as may be sufficient to discharge the said Fine, the Costs of Prosecution and Prison Fees, the said Act notwithstanding: and in Order that such Offender or Offenders may not dispose of more of their Estates than will be sufficient to discharge his or their Fines with the Charges aforesaid.

And be it further Resolved, That the Purchaser or Purchasers of all or any Part of the Estate Real or Personal of any Offender or Offenders before-mentioned, shall within one Month after such Purchase make Return under Oath into the Secretary's Office, the Quantity and Quality of the Estate by him or them purchased as aforesaid, with the exact Account of the Money given therefor under the Penalty of One Thousand Pounds Lawful Money, to be recovered for the use of any Person who shall inform thereof, before any Court of Record within this State.

And be it further Resolved, That the Sheriff of the County wherein such Estate shall lay, be and he is hereby directed to attend all such Auctions and to officiate as Vendue-Master, to see that the same be fairly and impartially conducted, and on Notice given him by any such Offender, of the Intention of such Auction, to advertise the same in the New-Hampshire Gazette three Weeks successively

of the Time and Place of holding the same, and also give further Notice thereof by posting up Advertisements in some convenient Places in the Town where such Estate lays, and also in two of the adjacent Towns three Weeks before such Auction; and such Sheriff is hereby directed to take and receive the Monies arising by Virtue of such Auction, and to deliver the same to the Treasurer of this State, and to make Return, as soon as may be into the Secretary's Office of his Proceedings about the Premises; any Law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sent up for Concurrence,

John Langdon, Speaker.

In Council, the same Day, Read and Concurred,

E. Thompson, Sec'ry.

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, February 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; March 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF EPSOM IN SAID STATE—

[Passed Feb. 21, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 60; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 386.]

Whereas the Time fixed by the Charter of said Town for the holding the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof for the Choice of Town Officers &c is on the first Wednesday of May which is found by Experience to be too late in the Year, & attended with many Inconveniences—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same That the Time for holding the meeting of the said Inhabitants to chuse the necessary & customary Town Officers &c be held in said Town in future on the Third Wednesday of March Annually the said Charter notwithstanding and the Selectmen of said Town are hereby directed to call the next Meeting of said Inhabitants for the said Purpose accordingly.—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE INHABITANTS OF NEW CASTLE TO RAISE TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS TO COMPLEAT A BRIDGE ALREADY BEGUN, FROM THENCE TO THE MAIN, BY A LOTTERY.

[Passed Feb. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 61; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 387.]

Whereas a number of the Inhabitants of said New Castle have petitioned the general Court representing that for the benefit of said Inhabitants as well as for public Utility it is necessary that the Bridge already begun from New Castle afores^d to the Main

should be finished & compleated—& praying for Liberty to raise said Sum by way of Lottery which Representation appearing to be just & the Prayer of said Petition reasonable—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Court Assembled & by the authority of the Same that Liberty be and hereby is granted to establish and carry on a public Lottery to raise the said Sum of two thousand Dollars to be applyed to the finishing & compleat^s the said begun Bridge & paying incidental charges And that Samuel Cutts and John Parker Esq^{rs} both of Portsmouth and Mess^{rs} Henry Prescott & John Blunt, & George Frost of said New Castle and the Major part of them be and hereby are appointed and authorized to carry the Said Lottery into Execution in such form Manner and Way as they deem most effectual to promote and accomplish the End & design proposed—All which they are to compleat within the Term of Twelve months from the passing this Act & as much sooner as they are able—And that they render an Account of their Proceedings relative to the Same to the General Court of this State when thereto required And that before they enter upon said Business that they severally make solemn oath before some Justice of the peace for said County faithfully to discharge the trust hereby reposed in them—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF PETERBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH AND STATE AFORESAID—

[Passed Feb. 27, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 62; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 389.]

Whereas the said Town of Peterborough was heretofore incorporated by Bennig Wentworth Esq^r Late Governor of New Hampshire, and together with Other things therein Specified Ordered said Inhabitants to Hold Annually on the first Tuesday of January their meeting for the Choice of Town Officers and to Transact Other Matters relating Town Affairs That The Holding their said Annual Meeting on said day is inconvenient and Causes much difficulty

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convene'd and by the Authority of the Same that the said Annual Meeting in Future shall be held

On the Third Tuesday of March in said Town of Peterborough by the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants in said Town for the Purpose of Choosing all Town Officers and Transacting Other Matters relating Town Affairs, and the Selectmen of said Town of Peterborough are hereby directed to Call a Meeting of the said Freeholders and Other Inhabitants for the Purposes Aforesaid On the Third Tuesday of March next--

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN ROBERT ROGERS
AND ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

[Passed March 4, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 63; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 394. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 115. Memoir of Robert Rogers in "Memoir of John Stark," by Caleb Stark, p. 386. See paper by Otis G. Hammond on the Royalists in the Revolution. See the biography of Robert Rogers, by J. B. Walker, Granite Monthly, vol. 8, p. 19.]

Whereas Elizabeth Rogers of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth—that she was married to the said Robert Rogers about seventeen years ago, for the greater part of which time, he had absented himself from, and totally neglected to support and maintain her—and had, in the most flagrant manner, in a variety of ways, violated the marriage-contract—but especially by *Infidelity to her Bed*. For which reasons praying that a divorce from the said Robert Rogers *a vinculo matrimonii*, might be granted—The principal facts contained in said Petition being made to appear, upon a full hearing thereof—therefore—

Be it enacted by The Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly Convened—That The Bonds of Matrimony between the said Robert and Elizabeth, be, and hereby are, dissolved.—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
 New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SAMUEL McKEEN OF AMHERST IN THE
COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO REDEEM CERTAIN LANDS BY
HIM MORTGAGED TO ONE ZACCHEUS CUTLER

[Passed March 4, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 64; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 391.]

Whereas the said Samuel McKeen has petitioned the general Court representing that on the Second Day of March in the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy Five he gave the said Zaccheus Cutler then of said Amherst a Mortgage Deed of about one hundred and twenty Acres of Land situate in Amherst aforesaid being the Lots numbered one hundred & Seven & one hundred & Eight in the first Division with the buildings thereon as collateral Security for payment of a note of hand by him the same Day given to said Cutler for two hundred & forty pounds payable in one Year from that Day with Interest. That before the Expiration of the said Term he was & ever since has been ready to pay the same, but that the said Cutler had absented himself & was supposed to have gone to & joined the Enemies of the American States so that the said McKeen could not come to him to pay him; Nor could find any Agent or Attorney of his duly qualified to receive the said Sum & Interest and to discharge the said Mortgage. And therefore praying that some meet Person of said County might be appointed to receive the Same and authorized & empowered to discharge the said Mortgage and that he might be released from the obligation of the said Note—which appearing to be reasonable and just—Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same That Captⁿ Josiah Crosbie—of Amherst—in the said County of Hillsborough be and he hereby is appointed and authorized to take & receive of the said Samuel McKeen the said Sum & the Interest thereof to the time it became due & payable and upon Receipt thereof that he Cause Satisfaction and Payment to be entered in the Margin of the Record of the said Mortgage in the Records of the said County of Hillsborough and that he Sign the Same which Satisfaction & Payment so entered and Signed shall forever thereafter discharge defeat and release the said Mortgage & Note of hand and perpetually bar all Actions, which shall be brought against the said McKeen by the Said Cutler his heirs Executors Administrators or Assigns or any Indorsee of the said

Note, upon the said Note or Mortgage Deed, as fully and amply to all Intents as if the said Zaccheus Cutler his Executors Administrators or Assigns had caused the said Satisfaction & Payment to have been entered as aforesaid & had Signed the Same: And that the said Samuel M^cKeen be reinstated in his Title to the Said Lands as fully as if the said Mortgage had never been executed

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Money which shall be received of the Said Samuel M^cKeen by Virtue & in Consequence of this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of this State to be disposed of & applied in such Manner as the General Court of this State shall hereafter order resolve & direct—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE ADMINISTRATORS OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS FRENCH DEC^d TO CONVEY TO OLIVE FRENCH AND HER CHILDREN TWO PIECES OF LAND IN STRATHAM.—

[Passed March 4, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 65; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 430.]

Whereas Olive French of Stratham in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Widow, Hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth among other things, That her late Husband William French Jun^r late of said Stratham Yeoman dec^d Intestate, did in his life time purchase of Thomas French late of Stratham aforesaid Yeoman dec^d Intestate two pieces of Land situate in said Stratham, the one of said pieces of land containing three Acres bounded as follows Viz^t Beginning at land of John Folsom and runs northeast twelve rods And Seven feet bounding on land lately belonging to said William French and Daniel French, then runs five rods & twelve feet, then runs south-east seven rods by land lately belonging to said Thomas French, then runs Eighteen rods adjoining land of said Thomas French and John Folsom, then runs northwest thirty seven rods till it comes to the place first mentioned.

The other of said pieces contains four Acres of land bounded as follows viz^t beginning at land of Joseph Wigin and runs Northeast Seventy rods joining on land lately belonging to said William French, then runs nine rods South East adjoining land lately belonging to the said William then Southwest Seventy rods adjoining land lately belonging to the said Thomas to land of

said Wiggin and then runs nine rods by land of said Wiggin to the place began at. Which two pieces, the said William French had actually paid for & the said Thomas French then engaged to give a Deed thereof to the said William, but the said Thomas and William dying soon after no Deed thereof was ever given. Wherefore the said Olive prayed that the Adm^{rs} of the Estate of the said Thomas might be enabled to convey the aforementioned premises one third thereof to her for life as her Dower therein, the Reversion of said third together with the Fee of the other two thirds to the Children of the said William in the same proportion as the Law directs for the Distribution of the Estates of Intestates—All which upon a full hearing of the parties on said petition being made to appear—

Therefore Be it & it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened That the Administrators of the Estate of the said Thomas French shall be and hereby are fully empowered and authorized to make and execute a good Deed or Deeds of all the Right and Interest of the said Thomas French of & in the aforementioned premises with the Appurtenances thereof to the said Olive French and the Children of the said William French in manner following viz^t to the said Olive One third of said lands for her life, as her Dower therein, the Reversion of said third together with the other two thirds thereof, to said Children in the same proportion as the Law directs for the Distribution of the Estates of Intestates.—Which Deed or Deeds shall be good and valid in Law against the Heirs and Creditors of the said Thomas French and all others claiming from by or under them or any of them.—And that the Administrators of the Estate of said Thomas French shall not be accountable either to the Judge of Probate or the Heirs of the said Thomas French for the Sale of said Lands notwithstanding the same are or may be inventoried as part of the Estate of said Thomas French.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED MIDDLETON WITH- IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD—

[Passed March 4, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 66; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 395. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 114.]

Whereas a Petition hath been presented to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Middleton praying that the same place may be invested with Town priveledges by Incorporation—

of which petition and the Order of Court thereon due Notice hath been given—and no Objection been made—and the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable,

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same, that there be and hereby is a Township erected and incorporated within the following Bounds viz^t beginning at the South-westerly Corner of a Tract of Land granted to John Ham Gershom Downs and others upon and at Rochester Head Line, and from that Extent to run Westerly by said Line of Rochester five Miles and continuing the Breadth of five Miles to extend from the Head Line of Rochester so far Northwardly as to make equal to Six Miles Square adjoining to the said Tract of Land granted to the said John Ham, Gershom Downs & others—and the Head Line of the same to be a Line parallel with the Head Line of Rochester and the side Lines to be strait the bounds thereof to be same as expressed in the Charter by the Name of Middleton—And the Inhabitants of said place are erected into a Body politic and Corporate, to have Continuance & Succession forever—and are hereby invested with all the powers and enfranchised with all the Rights, priveledges benefits and Immunities which any Towns within this State by Law hold, possess & enjoy To Hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever—

And Cap^t John Gage of Dover is hereby fully authorized and impowered to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants for the purpose of chusing all necessary & customary Town Officers giving fourteen days notice at least of the Time place and Design of such Meeting—And the Officers then & there chosen shall be invested with all the power and Authority that the Officers of any other Town in this State are by Law invested with—and every other Meeting of the said Inhabitants which shall be held in said Town for that purpose shall be on the last Wednesday of March annually forever—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REMOVING THE OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE FREE
PASSAGE OF ALEWIVES AND OTHER FISH IN A BROOK RUN-
NING FROM WOOTANNOCK POND IN NOTTINGHAM WEST IN
THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO MERRIMACK RIVER.

[Passed March 6, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 67; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 401. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 116. This act is altered by the act of March 26, 1779, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 150]

Whereas Plenty of Alewives and other Fish did formerly pass from Merrimack River up said Brook into the said Pond to the great Benefit of the Inhabitants of said Nottingham West and Places adjacent but their Passage up to said Pond has of late Years been Obstructed and impeded

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Court assembled and by the Authority of the Same That the owners or Improvers of every Dam already Built or which hereafter shall be built across said Brook shall open or Cause to be opened a Sluice in each of said Dams and the same keep open from the Tenth Day of May until the Twentieth Day of July annually during the Continuance of this Act—And in failure thereof shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Three Pounds—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Selectmen of said Nottingham West be and hereby are authorized and empowered to inspect and take Care that said Sluices be properly opened and so kept open during the Time limited as aforesaid—And if any owner or Improver of Any Dam thereon shall neglect or refuse to open or keep open such Sluice as aforesaid to the Satisfaction of the said Selectmen for the time being during the said Limited time, it shall and may be Lawful for the said Selectmen to open the Same—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Person shall during the said limited time erect make or keep up any Wear across said Brook every such Person shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings—for every such offence And it shall and may be lawful for the said Selectmen for the time being to destroy or cause the same to be destroyed. And shall cause any Fence across any part of said Brook now made or which hereafter shall be made to the impediment of the passing of Alewives or other fish up said Brook into said Pond or any other Obstruction to their Passage to be removed—And if the said Selectmen shall be sued for doing anything that they are hereby required or

authorized to do, they may plead the general Issue and give the Special Matter in Evidence and shall recover double Costs.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that if any Person or Persons shall during said limited time fish with any Sein Eel-pot or dipnet in the said Brook or at the Mouth thereof on any other Day of the Week than Monday Wednesday and Friday every such Person shall forfeit and pay for every such Offence the Sum of Forty Shillings And any Person or Persons are hereby authorized to destroy any Sein Eelpot or dipnet found fishing or set for fishing in or at the Mouth of the said brook on any other than the Days aforesaid and in Case of being sued therefor may plead the general Issue and give the Special Matter in Evidence and shall recover double Costs All Penalties and forfeitures arising by this Act may be recovered by Action bill plaint or information one half for the Use of the said Town of Nottingham West the other half for the Person who shall inform or Sue for the Same in any Court of record in the said County of Hillsborough.

This Act to Continue in force for the Term of Three Years and no longer.

[CHAPTER 9]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ANNEX DIVERS INHABITANTS OF THE SOUTHWESTERLY PART OF LONDONDERRY TO, AND INCORPORATE THEM WITH THE TOWN OF NOTTINGHAM WEST.

[Passed March 6, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 68; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 404.]

Whereas Moses Barrott, Ezekiel Greeley, David Peabody, George Burrows, David Lawrance, Sampson Kidder, Richard Marshall, Benjamin Kidder, Hugh Smith, William McAdams, Joseph Hobbs, Thomas Smith, Levi Andrews, John Smith, Josiah Burrows, Ebenezer Tarbox, Simeon Robinson, Simeon Barrott, John Marshall, James Barrott, William Hood, Eleanor Graham, Joseph Steel Isaac Page, Phillip Marshall, and William Graham Have Petitioned the General Assembly for said State setting forth That they lived very remote from that part of Londonderry where all the Business of a public Nature was transacted—That it was seldom they could hear of the public Meetings—and when they did the distance was so great, and the expence so very considerable, few could attend—Whereby they were deprived of the privileges other of the Inhabitants of Londonderry enjoyed—That their

Situation was much nearer to the Town of Nottingham West and that it would be greatly for their Interest to be annexed to that Town Which they prayed might be granted them—The prayer of which petition upon full hearing of the parties thereon appearing reasonable—

Therefore Be it and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly conven'd That the Lands contained within the following Bounds Viz^t Beginning in the South Bounds of Londonderry at the North East Corner of Nottingham West—thence running North five Degrees East (frequently crossing Beaver Brook) four hundred twenty four rods to a large pine Tree marked standing by said Brook, thence North twenty Degrees West Seven hundred forty Rods to a large black Oak Tree marked standing about four Rods East of Simeon Robinson's house thence North Eighty Degrees West Six hundred rods to the East Side Line of Litchfield to a poplar Tree marked standing in the edge of Fine Meadow (including the houses and Lands belonging to William Graham, William Steel, and William M^cAdams, Simeon Robinson and Ebenezer Tarbox lying to the Eastward and Northward of said Tract according to the plan thereof exhibited with said Petition and excluding any lands lying contiguous to said North and East bounds belonging to Samuel Anderson) and Thomas Boyd lying within the same. Then from the said poplar Tree South in the East Bounds of Litchfield and Nottingham West about two miles and three quarters to a corner of Nottingham West thence East South East in the South bounds of Londonderry and North Bounds of said Nottingham West two miles and three quarters of a Mile to the place began at—Which Lands as before described with the Buildings thereon and Appurtenances thereof (except as before excepted) shall be annexed to & considered as part of the Town of Nottingham West and all the Inhabitants living upon and within the above mentioned Lands (except as before excepted) their Heirs and Successors shall be incorporated with and belong to the Town of Nottingham West and shall be entitled to all Town Privileges as other Inhabitants of said Nottingham West are—Provided nevertheless that the Inhabitants and lands hereby disannexed from Londonderry and annexed to said Nottingham West shall stand chargeable with their part of the State Tax until a new proportion of the State Tax is made as well as the Tax that is or shall be assessed for the present proportion of Continental Soldiers and with all Taxes made or charges incurred before the passing hereof by the said Town of Londonderry as tho' this act had not been made any thing herein to the contrary notwithstanding.

And Be it further Enacted that the Inhabitants and Lands so annexed to the Town of Nottingham West shall be deemed and reputed to lie and be within the County of Hillsborough in the State aforesaid and not within the County of Rockingham as

heretofore reputed—And that the persons so joined to said Nottingham West their Heirs and Successors shall belong to the same Regiment, to which the other Inhabitants of said Nottingham West do, or shall belong and that nothing in this Act be taken or construed to affect Property, but only to alter the Line of Jurisdiction—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF EIGHTY THOUSAND POUNDS
LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE ENDS & USES HEREIN AFTER
MENTIONED—& TO ENABLE THE TREASURER AND RECEIVER
GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING & CAL-
LING IN THE SAME—

[Passed March 9, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 69; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 398. Laws 1780 ed., p. 117.]

Whereas it is necessary for the support of the present War, and for defraying the Charges of this State for the Year current, that the Sum of Eighty Thousand pounds lawful Money should be raised, Sixty thousand pounds whereof to be for the Use of the United States of America, & the remaining Twenty thousand pounds for the use of this State.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the Authority of the same, that there be, and hereby is granted for the Current Year the Sum of Eighty Thousand pounds Lawful Money—Sixty Thousand pounds whereof to be for the Use of the united States of America, and the remaining Twenty Thousand pounds for the Use of this State—which Sum of Eighty Thousand pounds shall be assessed and levied on the Polls & rateable Estates within this State agreeable to the last proportion—to be collected and called in at the following Times & in the following Manner Viz^t Forty thousand pounds thereof to be collected & called in on or before the last day of June next—and, the other forty Thousand pounds thereof, to be collected & called in, on or before the last day of December next—

And the Treasurer & Receiver General of this State is hereby directed & required forthwith to issue his Warrants for collecting & calling in the said Sum of Eighty Thousand pounds to be paid in at the times before mentioned in equal parcels as before directed—

And the Select Men of the several Towns & places within this State are hereby also directed forthwith to make their Tax for assessing & levying the whole of their proportion of the said Eighty Thousand pounds, to be paid in as before directed—making a separate Column for each payment—

And Whereas, many Inconveniencies may arise by collecting the Taxes hereby laid on the lands within this State, which are owned by Non-Residents, so, that their proportion of the first Sum of forty Thousand pounds herein mentioned, may be called in, at the time set therefor.

Be it therefore further Enacted, that the Several Constables & Collectors within this State be, and they are hereby directed not to distrain for the whole or any part of the proportion of Taxes hereby laid on the Lands of said Non Residents at any time before the said last day of June—but, afterwards to collect the whole thereof in such manner as to be paid into the Treasury on, or before the last Day of December next—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR LENGTHENING OUT THE TIME FOR CALLING MEETINGS OF THE INHABITANTS OF SUCH PLACES WITHIN THIS STATE AS ARE NOT INCORPORATED, & TO FIX THE TIME FOR PAYING IN THEIR PROPORTION OF THE LAST YEARS TAX—

[Passed March 9, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 70; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 409.]

Whereas in and by An Act intituled “An Act for making and establishing a New proportion of the State Tax among the several Towns & parishes within this State; and to authorize the Treasurer to issue his Warrants for the levying the same annually” Joseph Bagder & Simeon Dearborn Esquires or either of them for the County of Strafford, Benjamin Giles & William Haywood Esq^{rs} or either of them for the County of Cheshire; Francis Blood Esq^r & Captain John Putney or either of them for the County of Hillsborough; John Hurd and Samuel Emerson Esq^{rs} & M^r Joseph Whipple, any or either of them for the County of Grafton were appointed to call Meetings of the Inhabitants of all such places in their respective Counties which are not incorporated giving public Notice thereof as therein directed for the purposes therein mentioned which Meetings were to be holden in said places respectively by the first day of February then next—which is now

past—And Whereas, the said persons have not been able to effect the calling of said Meetings by the said first day of February—which is necessary Yet to be done—Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that the said Time for calling said Meetings be, and hereby is lengthned out to the first day of June next, and that all Officers that may be chosen agreeable to the Directions of said Act herein referred to, for the purposes therein mentioned on or before the said first day of June next shall have equal power & authority in the Exercise of their respective Offices with any other like Officers chosen by any incorporated Towns in this State—

And Whereas such unincorporated places for want of such Meetings have not yet collected their proportion of the last Years State Tax— Be it therefore further Enacted that the Select Men of all such places be and hereby are directed to raise their proportion of the said last Years Tax with their proportion of the Tax for the current Year in such Manner as that the same may be paid into the State Treasury on or before the last day of December next.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF PACKERSFIELD IN SAID STATE—

[Passed March 9, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 71 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 408. See the act of Feb. 21, 1786.]

Whereas the time fixed by the Charter of said Town for the holding the annual Meeting of the Inhabitants thereof for the Choice of Town Officers &c is on the first Tuesday of August which is found by Experience to be attended with some Inconveniences—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same—that the time for holding the Meeting of the said Inhabitants for chusing the necessary & customary Town Officers &c be held in said Town in future on the last Monday of March Annually the said Charter notwithstanding—and the Select Men of said Town are hereby directed to call the next Meeting of said Inhabitants for the said purpose accordingly.

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND PUT IN FORCE AN ACT OF THIS STATE PASSED THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER A. D. 1776. ENTITULED "AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF THE SMALL POX IN THIS STATE"

[Passed March 12, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 72; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 412. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 118. See acts of Dec. 13, 1776, Jan. 17, 1782 and Feb. 3, 1789, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 273.]

Whereas the Said Act being made Temporary is Expired, and while in force, was found to be Very Beneficial and Salutary. Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Convened and by the Authority of the Same That the before recited Act and every Clause & Article therein be and hereby is Revived, Re-Enacted, and Accordingly to be practiced and put in Execution for and during the Term of Three Years from & after the passing hereof and no Longer.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE LAWS OF THIS STATE NOW IN FORCE FOR PREVENTING TRESPASSES

[Passed March 13, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 73; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 413. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 119; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 98. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the acts and Laws already made for preventing Trespases, hath been found ineffectual for that purpose, so that a further Provision is necessary to be made:

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Publication of this act, no person or persons, do or shall, cut, fell, destroy or carry away any trees, wood, timber or underwood whatsoever, standing, lying or growing on the land of any others, or of or from the commons of any Town, other than that to which he or they doth or do belong, or within the same town, having no right there without leave or Licence from the major part of the Propriety of such commons

or the owner or owners of the Land whereon such trees, timber, wood or underwood was standing, lying or growing; or that shall cut out or alter the mark of any mill-log or logs in any river or mill dam; or that shall saw or cut into any sort of Lumber, any log or logs that is not their own property, without the owners leave or licence, on pain that every person so cutting, felling, destroying or carrying away the same, or cutting out, or altering or Sawing any log or logs, or shall be aiding and assisting therein, shall for every such trespass, forfeit and pay to the parties Injured or Trespass'd upon, the sum of Forty Shillings for every tree or Log of one foot over; and for all trees or logs of greater Dimensions, three times the value thereof, besides Forty Shillings as aforesaid, and twenty Shillings for every tree or pole under the Dimensions of one Foot Diameter; and for other wood or underwood, treble the value thereof; which several Penalties, forfeitures and damages, shall and may be recovered by Action, bill, plaint or information, upon conviction of the Trespasser or Trespassers, as is hereafter Specially provided and Enacted, before any Justice of the Peace, if the Penalty or Damage exceed not forty shillings, but if it be above that value, then before the court of Common pleas.

And Be it Further Enacted, That if any Person or Persons, shall throw down, or leave open any bars, Gates, fence or fences, belonging to or inclosing any lands held in Propriety or common, or belonging to any Particular person or persons within any town in this State, or that shall Dig up or carry any stones, oar, Gravel, clay or sand, belonging to the Proprietors of any common Land, or to any Particular person or persons as aforesaid, every such common offender shall for every Trespass, upon conviction thereof, as in and by this act is hereafter Provided, forfeit and pay treble damages to the party or parties Injured thereby;—and also a sum not exceeding five pounds, according to the nature or Aggravation of the Trespass; to be recovered in manner as aforesaid.—And forasmuch as it is very hard and Difficult to Detect and convict any Trespasser or Trespassers against this Act, in the ordinary method or course of the Law, because the Trespasses are Generally committed where Positive evidences can scarcely ever be had:

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That in case any dispute arise, upon Any Action, bill, plaint or information bro't as aforesaid, where the Plaintiff, complainant or informer, shall charge the Defendant in Trespass for cutting, felling, Destroying or carrying away any Particular tree or trees, percells of Timber, wood or underwood, or for throwing Down or leaving open any fence or fences, Gates or bars, or for Digging up, or carrying away any stones, oar, Gravel, clay or sand, turf or mould, or cut out, or alter the mark of any Mill Log or Logs in any river, or at any mill Dam, or on the Land; or cut or Saw into

any sort of Lumber, any Mill Log or Logs that is not their own Property, without leave of the Owner as aforesaid, or of being Aiding or Assisting therein: Then and in such case if the plaintiff complainant or informer his Agent or attorney shall make Oath (bona fida) that there hath been cutt, felled, Destroyed or carryed away, so many trees or Logs, marks of Logs cut out or Altered, or Sawed, or cutt into any sort of Lumber, or carried away such and so many trees, Percels of wood, or underwood, or that any fence or fences, gates or bars, have been thrown down or left open, or that any Stones, oar, gravel, clay or Sand hath been Dug up or carried away, as mentioned in the writ, and that he Suspects the Defendant to have committed the said Trespass; And altho' the Plaintiff complainant or informer may not be able to Produce any other Evidence thereof, than such circumstances as render it highly Probable in the Judgment of the court or Justice that shall try the cause, or before whom the tryal is; then and in every such case, unless the Defendant shall acquit himself upon Oath, (to be administered to him by the court or Justice that shall try the cause,) the Plaintiff shall recover of the Defendant Damages and Costs, but if the Defendant shall Acquit himself upon Oath as aforesaid, the court or Justice may and shall enter up Judgment for the Defendant to recover against the Plaintiff his double costs occasioned by such Prosecution.—

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITLED, AN ACT TO OBLIDGE THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCEL AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, ALL OFFICERS CIVIL AND MILITARY BARRISTERS AND ATTORNEYS AT LAW, TO TAKE & SUBSCRIBE AN OATH OF FIDELITY TO THE STATE, PASSED IN THE LATE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THIS STATE Y^e 8th DAY OF NOVEMBER A. D. 1777.

[Passed March 14, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 74; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 418. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 121. The act referred to is dated Nov. 8, 1777. See act of Feb. 8, 1791. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the Time limited in and by the said Act for the Commissioners therein Appointed to administer said Oath has been found too Short, and Said Commissioners not being Sufficient in Number for effecting the purposes therein mentioned, whereby many of Said Officers who are willing to take & Subscribe said

Oath, for want of Opportunity have been Presented, For remedy whereof

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Assembly Convene'd, and by the Authority of the same, That the members of the Council and House of Representatives and all Justices of the Peace, and the Clerks of such Towns, and Places, where there is no such Member, or Justice, they or either of them in their respective districts, having first taken and Subscribed said Oath, are hereby authorized and impowred to administer the same to all Officers, required by Law to take and Subscribe said Oath, and who have not as yet Complied therewith, and shall offer themselves for that purpose, at any time on or before the first day of June next—and each & every of the Persons aforesaid, that shall by virtue of this act, administer the said Oath to any Person, or Persons, takeing and Subscribing the same are hereby required to make a return of the respective Subscriptions, together with a Certificate of their Proceedings thereon, as also the names of all such Officers, as they shall Know to have refused, or neglected, to take & Subscribe said Oath, within the term aforesaid, in their respective districts, into the Secretarys office of this State, on or before the 20th day of June Next

And Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if any of the aforementioned Officers, or others, required by said Act to take and Subscribe said Oath shall refuse or Neglect to take and Subscribe the same within the term herein limited, for that Purpose, Each and every such Officer, shall be and hereby are dismissed, from their respective Offices, and the Places of such Officers, are hereby declared vacant from and after the Said first day of June next, they by said neglect or refusal, having forfeited the Confidence, of the Good People of this State

And Whereas there are no persons appointed in and by the act aforesaid, to administer said Oath of fidelity to such officers, as may hereafter be appointed, yet are required to take and Subscribe the Same, For remedy whereof

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Person or Persons that are or shall from time to time be appointed to administer, the Oath of office to any of y^e aforesaid Officers, Are hereby authorised and directed to administer the aforesaid Oath of Fidelity to each and every such officer and see the same Subscribed in due form, Previous to their administering the respective Oath of office—

And Be it further Enacted that each and every Justice of the Peace, in their respective districts having first taken & Subscribed said Oath of fidelity are hereby authorized to administer the same in due form to any Military or other officers, hereafter to be appointed & are required thereby by Law and who are not obliged by Law to take an oath of office—and the Justice or Justices so

administring said oath of Fidelity shall from time to time make return thereof with a Proper Certificate thereon into the Secretarys Office within two months after any such Oath shall be administred, on Pain of forfeiting the Sum of forty Shillings for every such Neglect y^e one moiety thereof for the Prosecutor and y^e other moiety for the use of the Government & People of this State to be recover'd by Complaint before Two Justices of the Peace quorum unus—

And Whereas many persons are scrupulous in swearing—Be it further Enacted that the Affirmation of any such persons shall be taken in the Cases beforementioned and the same be deemed of equal validity with an Oath

In the House of Representatives, Feb^{ry} 26th 1778.

Whereas the present situation of Affairs in this State makes it necessary that a full & free Representation of the Inhabitants thereof should Meet in Convention for the sole purpose of forming and laying a permanent plan or System of Government for the future Happiness and well being of the good People of this State, & this house having received Instructions from a considerable part of their Constitnents for that purpose—Therefore Voted and Resolved that the Hon^{ble} the President of the Council issue to every Town, Parish & District within this State a Precept recommending to them to elect and choose one or more persons as they shall judge expedient to convene at Concord in said State on the tenth day of June next for the purpose aforesaid, saving to the small Towns liberty to join two or more together if they see fit to elect & send one person to represent them in said Convention—

And such System or form of Government as may be agreed upon by such Convention, being printed & sent to each & every Town Parish, & District in this State for the Approbation of the People which System or form of Government being approved of by three fourths parts of the Inhabitants of this State in their respective Town Meetings legally called for that purpose and a Return of such Approbation being made to said Convention & Confirmed by them shall remain as a permanent System or Form of Government of this State, & not otherwise—& that the Charge & Expence of each Member of such Convention be defrayed by their respective Electors—

Council concurred March 4, 1778.

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. } In the House of Representatives, March 4th 1778.

The House took under consideration the Thirteen Articles of Confederation & perpetual union between the Thirteen united States of America as agreed to by the Hon^{ble} Congress of Said States, and came to the following Resolution thereon, viz—

Resolved. That we do agree to said Articles of Confederation perpetual union &c and do for ourselves & Constituents engage that the Same shall be Inviolably Observed by this State.

And the Delegates of this State, for the time being at the Congress afores^d are hereby Impowered, & Instructed to Ratify the same in behalf of this State.

Council concurred March 4th 1778.

[*Third Session, Held at Exeter, May 20, 21, 22, 23, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ENOCH NOYES AS GUARDIAN OF THOMAS FRENCH & SAMUEL FRENCH, WHO ARE MINORS, TO SELL THEIR SHARES IN CERTAIN LANDS IN HAMPSTEAD.

[Passed May 23, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 75; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 425.]

Whereas the said Guardian with the Relations of the said Minors, have petitioned the General Court setting forth, (among other things) That John French late of Atkinson in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Blacksmith deceas'd did in & by his last Will and Testament give and devise in Fee all his lands situate in the Town of Hampstead aforesaid to said Minors and their Brother, Moses French to be equally divided between them—consisting of about fifty Acres of Pasture and wood Land, not suitable for a Settlement for either of said Devisees, nor convenient to be divided into equal Shares among them—Wherefore the Petitioners prayed that Enoch Noyes aforesaid as Guardian of said Minors might be empowered to sell and convey the Shares and Interest of his said Wards in said Lands and to make said Guardian accountable for the monies arising from such Sale either to the Judge of Probate for said County or to said Minors as Guardians are in Other cases.—The Prayer of which petition appearing reasonable and that it would be for the Benefit of said Minors to have it granted.

Therefore Be it Enacted By The Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled that the said Enoch Noyes as Guardian aforesaid shall be and hereby is empowered and authorized to sell and convey all the Right Shares and Interest of said Minors of and in said Land; and for that purpose to make and execute any Deed or Deeds thereof to any person or persons for such Sum or Sums of money as their Shares therein are reasonably worth for which Sum or Sums of Money the said Guardian shall account for, to the Judge of Probate for said County for the time being or to said Minors as the Law of this State directs touching Guardians in other cases, and shall be liable to answer therefor upon his Bond (already given to the Judge of Probate) as Guardian of said Minors—That any Sale & conveyance of said Shares made by said Guardian in pursuance of this Act, shall be good and valid in Law, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof and secure to him or them all the Right of said Minors therein.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AN ACT PASSED THE 27th DAY OF NOVEMBER LAST ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROHIBIT THE SELLING GOODS AT PUBLIC VENDUE

[Passed May 23, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 76; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 427. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 122.]

Whereas the further continuance of the said Act will not be for the public Service

Therefore be it enacted by the Council and Assembly that the aforesaid Act and every Clause thereof—be and they are hereby repealed

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT ALTERING THE MODE OF COLLECTING TAXES PRESCRIBED IN AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES AND TAXES AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN-AFFAIRS PASSED THE SECOND DAY OF JULY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN.

[Passed May 23, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 77; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 422. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 123. Amended by the act of Dec. 26, 1778, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 146. Repealed by the acts of March 16, 1780 and June 12, 1784. See acts of July 2, 1776, Nov. 29, 1777 and Dec. 26, 1778.]

Whereas in and by said Act the Non-resident proprietors of Lands in the several Towns within this State, are required to pay their several Taxes to the Constable or Collector of the Town where such Lands lie—which has occasioned them vast trouble and expence in finding out the persons to whom to pay said Taxes, and in transmitting the same to them where found, with the exorbitant charges which such Constable or Collector has been wont to add thereto—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for the state aforesaid, in General Court assembled—That from and after the tenth day of June Anno Domini One thousand, seven hundred and seventy eight. Some one person residing at Exeter in s^d State, be appointed and authorized by the General-Court

or the Committee of safety in the recess of the Gen^l Court to receive all the Taxes of such Non-resident proprietors of Lands within the State—And the Constable or Collector of the several Towns within the same is hereby required immediately for this year—and hereafter as soon as the list is received to send in to the said Person at Exeter a list of the names of such non-resident Proprietors if known (if not—the name of the original proprietors) with the sums each is respectively assessed at—the State and other legal Taxes in separate columns—attested by the respective Selectmen or Assessors of the s^d Town—And the said Person so appointed is directly immediately to advertize the s^d List in one of the New-Hampshire Gazettes—three weeks successively, requiring each proprietor to pay said Tax & charges to the said Person so appointed or to the Constable or Collector of such Town within eight weeks, or so much of his Lands will be notified for sale, as will pay the same. At the end of the s^d eight weeks the person so appointed shall make return of said list so received—specifying who had paid his Tax and who had not—and at the same time he shall forward the money so received by him for said Taxes—(excepting the State-Tax which he himself is immediately to pay to the Treasurer of said State, in behalf of the Town, for the use of said State) After which the said Constable or Collector shall publickly advertize for sale so much of the Lands of the Delinquent proprietors as will pay said Tax & Charges—and shall also notify the same in some public-place in the Town where such lands lie and the two Adjacent Towns—both the advertisement and notification to be three weeks successively—after which if the same is not paid—said Lands shall be sold for the most they will fetch—out of which sum said Taxes and charges shall be deducted—and the overplus (if any) paid to such Delinquent, if demanded—Such Constable or Collector to make valid Deeds thereof agreeable to the former Act. And all and every such non-resident proprietor of Lands lying within the State aforesaid—may at his option within s^d eight weeks pay the taxes aforesaid either to such person so appointed, or the respective Collector or Constable of the Town where the Lands lie. and the said Person so appointed, is hereby authorized to receive of such persons five ¢ Cent for his trouble in Collecting the Taxes aforesaid & be Also paid all the necessary charges of Advertizing—

Provided always nevertheless that nothing in this Act shall be construed to take away any right that persons in the Army—or in Captivity—may have of redeeming his lands (if sold) within the time limited in said Act—

[*Fourth Session, Held at Exeter, August 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED RELHAN IN THE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

[Passed Aug. 18, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 78; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 561. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 124. Repealed by the act of Jan. 3, 1784.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of that Tract of Land in the County of Grafton called Relhan setting forth that they labour under great Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be incorporated—and no Objection having been made and it appearing to be for the public Good—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives and by the Authority of the same That there be & hereby is a Township erected & incorporated by the Name of Relhan within the following bounds. viz^t beginning at a White Birch Tree at the North East Corner of Lebanon Then running Southerly by the easterly Line of said Lebanon to the Northwest corner of Grantham then running Easterly by the Northerly line of Grantham to the Southwest Corner of Grafton then running Northerly by the Westerly Line of Grafton to the South East Corner of Canaan then running westerly by the Southerly line of Canaan to the bounds first mentioned And the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land are hereby erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance & Succession forever and are invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds and enjoys—To hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever. And Nathaniel Hovey is hereby authorized to call a Meeting of the said Inhabitants to chuse all necessary & Customary Town Officers giving fourteen Days notice of the Time Place & Design of such Meeting and the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any other Town in this State and every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Third Wednesday of March forever

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE DANIEL PIERCE OF WESTMORELAND IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE TO CONVEY FIFTY ACRES OF LAND PART OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN RANSTEAD LATE OF SAID WESTMORELAND DECEASED, TO EPHRAIM STONE.

[Passed Aug. 22, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 79 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 480.]

Whereas the said Daniel Pierce as Administrator of the Estate of the said John Ranstead has petitioned the General Court setting forth that the said Ranstead in his life time had bargained & agreed to Sell to the said Ephraim Stone fifty Acres of unimproved Land in said Westmoreland being part of the Homestead of the said Deceased & had received his pay for the same according to said agreement but that his sudden Death had prevented his executing a Deed of the Same—That it would be for the Benefit of his Heirs that the said agreement should be comply'd with And therefore praying that he might be enabled to give a Deed thereof—which Representation having been enquired into and appearing to be true—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that the said Daniel Pierce in his said Capacity Be & hereby is fully Authorized impowered & enabled to execute a good & valid Conveyance of all the Right & Demand of the said Deceased, in and unto the said Fifty Acres of Unimproved Land, at the Time of his Death, to the said Ephraim Stone his Heirs & Assigns in fee Simple—& that the Same so Executed shall be as valid to all intents as if the said Ranstead in his life time had Executed a Conveyance thereof.—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO IMPOWER MARY BRITTON RELICT OF WILLIAM BRITTON LATE OF WESTMORELAND IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE DECEASED & ADMINISTRATRIX OF HIS ESTATE TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS FORMERLY BELONGING TO SAID DECEASED

[Passed Aug. 22, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 80; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 481.]

Whereas the said Mary Britton has petitioned the General Court Representing that said deceased in his life time had bargained and agreed to Sell to one David Britton about three Acres of Land situate in said Westmoreland part of the homestead of the said William—and to one Ephraim Leonard another piece of said homestead containing about four Acres for which said Deceased was to receive other Lands in part pay which benefited and accommodated his said homestead in Consequence of which Bargain they had entered and improved the said Lands respectively but that thro' negligence the Conveyances were not executed in the life time of the said William That it would be for the advantage of the said Williams heirs that said Bargains should be completed—And therefore praying that She in her said Capacity might be Authorized to Convey the said pieces of Land to the said David Britton and Ephraim Leonard respectively—Which representation appearing to be Just—

Be it there Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the Same that the said Mary in her said Capacity Be & hereby is Authorized and empowered to make and Execute a good and Valid Conveyance of all the Right and Demand of the said Deceased in and unto the said three Acres at the Time of his Death to the said David his Heirs and Assigns in fee Simple—and of all the Right and Demand of the said Deceased in unto the said four Acres to the said Ephraim Leonard his Heirs and Assigns in fee Simple and that the said Conveyances so Executed shall be as valid to all intents as if the said William in his life time had completed the Same.—

[*Fifth Session, Held at Exeter, October 28, 29, 30, 31; November 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING CERTAIN CLAUSES IN AN ACT INTITLED "AN ACT FOR ERECTING AND INCORPORATING A NEW PARISH IN THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY IN THE PROVINCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE"—

[Passed Nov. 6, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 82; recorded Acts, vol. 3 p. 434. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 125. The act referred to is dated Feb. 23, 1739/40.]

Whereas in & by said Act it was enacted that any number not exceeding forty of the persons living within the limits of the old parish of said Londonderry might go over unto and become Members of the said New parish in said Londonderry—and on the Contrary for any Number not exceeding forty of the persons living within the bounds of the said New parish might go over unto & become Members of the said Old parish—and that those persons (not exceeding the number aforesaid) who should go over unto either parish in manner as in & by said Act is directed should become with their Families & Estates Members of that parish to which they so went respectively & should have a right to vote accordingly—which Liberty from the increase of Inhabitants and other Causes is now rendered inconvenient—And a Number of the Inhabitants of the said New parish having petitioned the General Court for Redress—and the prayer of their petition appearing reasonable and the Town of Londonderry Consenting thereto, Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that all & every Clause & Paragraph in said Act granting liberty for any person or persons to vote in the parish wherein they are not Dwellers & do not reside, be & hereby is repealed & made void—And that from & after the first day of March next the Inhabitants of both said parishes shall pay their proportion of all parish Charges to that parish wherein they respectively dwell and shall be liable to be taxed by the Select Men or Wardens thereof accordingly—

And be it further Enacted that from & after the said first day of March the Inhabitants of both said parishes shall vote in the parish wherein they respectively dwell, & not otherways any thing in the before mentioned Act to the contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE OF WILLS &c
 FOR THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD TO ISSUE HIS WARRANT FOR
 THE DIVISION OF A CERTAIN RIGHT OF LAND LAYING IN COM-
 MON THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF BARNSTEAD IN SAID COUNTY.

[Passed Nov. 7, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 83; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 436.]

Whereas Theophilus Dame of Dover in the County of Strafford aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Court setting forth that the said Theophilus, Solomon Dame of the State of Virginia husbandman & John, William & Mary Children of John Dame lately deceased were Owners in Common of a Right of land throughout the Township of Barnstead aforesaid—that the Children aforesaid as well as the said Theophilus were desirous of improving their parts in severalty—but that he could not obtain a Division thereof in the Manner directed in & by an Act of this State, by reason of the great Distance of the said Solomon—and praying that the Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the said County of Strafford might be authorized to issue his Warrant for a Division thereof—which appearing to be reasonable. Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority aforesaid that the said Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Strafford aforesaid be & hereby is authorized to issue his Warrant to five Freeholders in said County to make division of said premises according to Law. a Return of which being made by the said Freeholders or any three of them upon Oath to the said Judge & by him allowed & approved, the same shall be valid & binding to all parties—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire }

AN ACT TO DISJOIN THE TOWN OF CONWAY FROM THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON & TO ANNEX THE SAME TO THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD—

[Passed Nov. 10, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 84; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 438. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 126; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 51.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of said Conway by their Committee have petitioned the General Court setting forth that the said Conway was fifty Miles distance from any inhabited Town in the said County of Grafton; that it was at a greater distance from the nearest Shire Town, & almost one hundred Miles from the furthest—that said Conway lay more contiguous to the incorporated Towns in the said County of Strafford—& that for said Reasons they prayed to be disjoined from the said County of Grafton & to be annexed to the County of Strafford—which appearing to be just & reasonable. Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that the said Town of Conway be and hereby is disjoined from the said County of Grafton and annexed to the said County of Strafford & that forever hereafter the said Town with the Inhabitants shall be taken & deemed as part of, & belonging unto the said County of Strafford, & shall pay their proportion of all County Charges to the same County of Strafford & not elsewhere—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A TOWNSHIP IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON BY THE NAME OF GRAFTON—

[Passed Nov. 11, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 85; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 440. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 127.]

Whereas Sundry of the Inhabitants of the Township of Grafton in the County of Grafton have Petitioned the General Assembly of this State Setting forth that they Labour under many Difficulties for want of an Incorporation, And praying for An Act to Incorporate the Said Town of Grafton into a body Politick & Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever, Which

Appearing to be reasonable and no reasonable Objection being made thereto and it Appearing for the Publick Good

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and Assembly of Said State and by the Authority of the Same That there be & hereby is a Township Erected and Incorporated within this State by the Name of Grafton in the Said County of Grafton by the following bounds viz^t—Beginning at a Hemlock Tree marked F W. and runing South Sixty five Degrees East Six Miles and a half mile to a Birch Tree marked F W. with Stones round it, from thence South thirty Six Degrees West Five miles and one half mile to a Beach tree marked as aforesaid from thence North Seventy two Degrees West Six miles & one half, from thence North Eleven Degrees West three hundred and Eighty rods to a Small beach tree with Stones by it, from thence North forty three Degrees East five miles and one half mile to the hemblock begune at as by the Charter of Said Township may Appear refereace thereto being had

And the Inhabitants of Said Tract of Land are hereby Erected and Incorporated into a Body Politic and Corporate by the Name of Grafton to have Continuance and Succession forever, and are hereby Invested with all the Powers and Enfranchised with all the Priviledges and Immunities which any Town in this State Holds and Enjoys—To Hold to the Said Inhabitants and their Successors Forever—And M^r Daniel Sanders—is hereby Authorized to Call a Meeting of the Said Inhabitants to Chuse all Necessary & Customary Town Officers Giving fourteen days Notice of the Time, Place and Design of Such Meeting, And the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be Invested with all the Powers of Such officers in any other Town in this State, and every other Meeting which Shall be Annually held in Said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Second Munday of March Forever

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE FEE OF ONE HALF OF A HUNDRED
ACRE LOT OF LAND IN LOUDON IN JACOB SHERBURNE OF
SAID LOUDON HIS HEIRS & ASSIGNS—

[Passed Nov. 13, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 86; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 443.]

Whereas the said Jacob Sherburne hath preferred and Petition to the General Court setting forth that in the Year 1774 He & his Brother George Sherburne jun^r late of said Loudon deceased with the help & Assistance of their Father purchased of one Richard

Whittier a hundred Acre Lot of Land in said Loudon for each of them a Settlement—That as at that time they did not know how the said Lot could be equally divided so as best to accommodate them both—the said George by mutual Consent took the deed in his own Name engaging to convey one half thereof to the said Jacob as soon as they were satisfied how the said Lot might be divided for their mutual Advantage—That they began & carried on their Improvements jointly: That each built an house thereon, but that they neglected to make the intended Division until the Death of the said George, whereby the whole of Said Lot according to Law descends to his heirs—And the said Jacob is deprived of the Benefit of his Labour and Expence thereon And his said Fathers Designs in Assisting them in said Purchase frustrated—And praying that the fee of one half the said Lot according to Quantity & Quality may be vested in him the said Jacob his heirs & Assigns & that a Committee be appointed & Authorized to make Partition of said Lot between him & the heirs of the said George—Which facts having been proved—the Prayer of said Petition appearing reasonable & the Widow of the said George & Administratrix of his Estate having consented to the granting the same—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the Same That Benjamin Sias Gent.—Ephraim Blunt James Sherburne & William Davis Yeomen all of said Loudon & Leavit Clough of Canterbury Yeoman or any three of them be & hereby are appointed a Committee and authorized to divide the said Lot in equal halves according to Quantity & Quality & to set off one half thereof to the said Jacob by metes & bounds & to make return of their doings herein into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the County of Rockingham under their hands or any three of their hands upon Oath to their fidelity & Impartiality therein, as soon as may be And that upon the Approbation & Confirmation of the said Division by the Judge of the said Court of Probate The Fee of the half so set of to the said Jacob shall be vested in him his heirs & Assigns forever, the said Deed notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SARAH PERRY TO CONVEY NINETY
ACRES OF LAND IN FITZ WILLIAM—

[Passed Nov. 17, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 87; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 483.]

Whereas the Said Sarah Perry hath petitioned the General Court representing that in the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy Six her late husband David Perry late of said Fitz William deceased bargained with his Father David Perry of Sherburne to sell & convey to him Ninety acres of Land on the Northerly side of the Third Lot in the Seventh Range of Lots in said Fitz William for the Consideration of one hundred & Eighty Dollars twenty eight pounds of which he then received in Consequence whereof the Purchaser cleared & improved Part of said Land But that the deceased before he had opportunity to finish the said Contract went into the public Service & died at Ticonderoga—And praying that in order that justice may be done she as Administratrix of the Estate of said deceased may be authorized to make and execute a good & valid conveyance of the said Ninety Acres of Land according to the said bargain—which Facts appearing to be true, & the Prayer Reasonable

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of representatives in general Assembly convened And by the Authority of the same that the said Sarah Perry as Administratrix of said Estate be & hereby is authorized & impowered to make & execute a Deed of the said Ninety Acres of Land to the said David Perry his heirs & Assigns & that by Virtue of such deed duly Executed the fee of the said Land be as fully vested in the said David Perry his heirs & Assigns as if the said deceased had in his life time made and delivered him a good Deed of the same Land according to the bargain aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ROBERT LEATHERS OF DURHAM IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD YEOMAN TO REVIEW AN ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY ROBERT TRAILE ESQ^r AND TRIED AT THE SUPERIOR COURT AT PORTSMOUTH IN APRIL 1774 BY ADJOURNMENT & TO VACATE A JUDGEMENT OF THE INFERIOR COURT AT EXETER IN JULY 1772 WHICH THE SAID TRAIL OBTAINED AGAINST THE SAID LEATHERS—

[Passed Nov. 19, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 88 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 446.]

Whereas the said Leathers has petitioned the general Court among other things representing That in the Year 1763 he purchased two fifty Acre Lots of Land in Barrington which were then mortgaged to the said Trail, by two Mortgages one for the Sum of seven hundred & fifty Pounds old Ten^r with fifteen p^r Cent Interest the other for Eleven hundred & thirty pounds Old ten^r with lawful Interest of which he was totally Ignorant at the time of the Purchase aforesaid—That he paid the said Trail fifty five pounds lawful Money towards the discharging said Mortgages & took his receipt for the same—That afterwards at the Inferior Court at Exeter in July 1772 the said Trail brought an Action of Ejectment upon both said Mortgages against the said Leathers for one of the said Lots & at the same Court recovered judgment for one hundred fifty Eight Pounds five Shillings Damage & two pounds three Shillings Cost & in Default of Payment of said Sum in two months, Possession of the Premises sued for That the said Trail was put in Possession of the said Lot by the Sheriff by virtue of an Execution issued upon said Judgment—That afterwards the said Trail bro't another Action of Ejectment upon the same Mortgages for the whole of said two Lots & at the Superior Court held at Portsmouth in April 1774 by adjournment recovered judgment for one hundred fifty three pounds fifteen Shillings & Eleven pence Damage & Six pounds two Shillings & three pence costs & in Default of payment thereof within two months Possession of the Land sued for except the Land recovered in the former judgment—& was afterwards put in Possession of the same accordingly—That as he had obtained two judgments upon said Mortgages the said Leathers could not redeem the said Lands without paying double the Sums due—That as Hostilities between great Britain & America took place soon after the last judgment was rendered & he engaged in the war & continued therein twelve months he could

not review said Actions & before he left the Service the time for Redemption of said Lands expired—by means of which he must lose said Lands which are worth Eight times the sum for which they were Mortgaged unless some Redress be granted him And therefore praying that he may be impowered to review the last mentioned Action of Ejectment at the Superior Court of Judicature in the County of Rockingham any time within a Year and that the Judgment of the said Inferior Court in July A D 1772 may be vacated—Which having been opposed & the Parties fully heard thereon by Council learned in the law, and appearing to be reasonable & just—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same—That the said Robert Leathers be & hereby is authorized & Impowered to review the said Action of Ejectment tried at the said Superior Court of judicature held at Portsmouth in April A D 1774 at any Superior Court of judicature to be held within & for said County of Rockingham within one Year from the passing this Act—And that the said Judgment of the said Inferior Court held at Exeter in July 1772, upon the said Action of Ejectment there brot by the said Trail be & hereby is vacated & annulled—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO SECURE TO JOHN TAYLOR OF LONDONDERRY YEOMAN THE TITLE TO A CERTAIN PIECE OF LAND IN SAID LONDONDERRY

[Passed Nov. 19, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 89; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 450.]

Whereas the said Taylor has preferred to the General Court a Petition representing that in March 1769 he agreed with Abraham Dow of Salem in said State Esq^r to sell him two Tracts of Land situate in Londonderry aforesaid which previous to the Sale were actually surveyed & the bounds thereof ascertained—That the bounds of the first of said tracts according to said Survey & agreement were as follows “beginning at a Stake & Stones on the Line “of Richard Dusten thence northeasterly by said Dustens about “forty Poles to a Stake & Stones by the Island Pond thence “bounding by said Pond to a black Oak tree marked by the “brook thence Southeasterly to the bounds first mentioned” But that in the Deed which he gave the said Dow of the said tracts of Land, which the said Dow himself wrote the bounds of

the first of said Tracts are described as follows viz^t beginning at a Stake & Stones on the Line of Richard Dusten thence North-easterly by said Dustens about forty Poles to a Stake & Stones by the Island Pond thence bounded by said Pond round to a black Oak tree marked by the brook thence Southwesterly *over the brook* about twenty five Rods to a Stake & Stones thence South-easterly to the bounds first mentioned Which last description includes about an Acres & an half of Land with the Privilege of the brook which at the time of treating of the said Sale & executing the said Deed he said Taylor utterly refused to sell the said Dow as the Sale thereof would entirely deprive him said Taylor of Water for his Creatures & injure others to whom he had sold part of said Privilege—That when the said Dow read the said Deed to him said Taylor who cannot read writing the Description of the said Tract of Land was read agreeable to the said Survey & agreement & not as the said first tract of Land stands now bounded in the said Deed And therefore praying that the Title to the said acre & an half, not meant to have been conveyed may be secured to him—whereof the said Dow having been notified & the Parties having been fully heard by their Council, & it appearing that the Prayer of said Petition is reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House representatives in general Court Convened & by the Authority of the Same That the bounds of the Said first Tract according to the said Survey & as herein first recited shall be, & shall henceforth be taken to be the bounds of the said first Tract sold And conveyed by said Deed to the said Dow And that the Property of & Title to all the rest of the Land included in the said Description of the said first Tract in said deed mentioned shall be & hereby is vested & shall remain in the said John Taylor his heirs & Assigns as fully to all intents & purposes as if the said Deed to the said Dow had never been executed, any thing therein to the contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE RETURN TO THIS STATE OF CERTAIN PERSONS THEREIN NAMED, AND OF OTHERS WHO HAVE LEFT OR SHALL LEAVE THIS STATE, OR EITHER OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA & HAVE JOINED OR SHALL JOIN THE ENEMIES THEREOF—

[Passed Nov. 19, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 90; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 565. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 128. Repealed Sept. 15, 1786. This act names 76 men. See Belknap, "History of New Hampshire," Farmer's ed., p. 380. Dow v. R. R., 67 N. H., 59.]

Whereas John Wentworth Esq: late Governor of this State, Peter Livius Esq; John Fisher Esq; George Meserve Esq; Robert Traill Esq; George Boyd Esq; John Fenton Esq; John Cockran Esq; Samuel Hale jun^r Esq; Edward Parry Esq; Thomas McDonough Esq; Maj Robert Rogers, Andrew Pepperell Sparhawk alias Andrew Pepperell Esq^r, Patrick Burn Mariner, John Smith Mariner, William Johnson Rysam Mariner, Stephen Little Physician, Thomas Achincloss, Archibald Achincloss, Robert Robertson, Hugh Henderson, Gillam Butler, James McMasters, John McMasters, George Craigie, Merchants; James Bigby Yeoman, William Pevey Mariner, Benjamin Hart Ropemaker, Bartholomew Stavers postRider, Philip Bayley Trader Samuel Holland Esq^r, Benning Wentworth Gentleman and Jude Kennison Mariner all of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham, Jonathan Dix of Pembroke Trader, Robert Luist Fowle of Exeter Printer, Benjamin Thompson Esq^r of Concord, Jacob Brown, and George Bell of Newmarket Traders, Stephen Holland Esq; Richard Holland Yeoman, John Davidson Yeoman, James Fulton Yeoman, Thomas Smith Yeoman and Dennis O'Hala Yeoman of Londonderry all in the County of Rockingham aforesaid Edward Goldstone Lutwyche of Merrimack Esq; Samuel Cummings Esq; Benjamin Whiting Esq; and Thomas Cummings Yeoman of Hollis—William Stark Esq; John Stark Yeoman Son of the said William, John Stinson Yeoman, John Stinson jun^r Yeoman, Samuel Stinson Yeoman, & Jeremiah Bowen Yeoman of Dunbarton, Zaccheus Cutler Trader, and John Holland Gentleman of Amherst, Daniel Farnsworth of New Ipswich, Yeoman, & John Quigley Esq; of Francetown, & John Morrison of Peterborough Clerk, all in the County of Hillsborough,—Josiah Pomroy Physician, Elijah Williams Esq; Thomas Cutler Gentleman Eleazer Sanger Yeoman and Robert Gilmore Yeoman of Keen, Breed Batchel-

dor of Packersfield, Gentleman, Simon Baxter Yeoman and William Baxter Yeoman of Alstead, Solomon Willard of Winchester Gentleman, Jesse Rice of Rindge Physician, Enos Stevens Gentleman, Phinehas Stevens Physician, Solomon Stevens Yeoman, & Levi Willard Gentleman of Charlestown John Brooks of Claremont Yeoman & Josiah Jones Simeon Jones of Hinsdale Gent^a all in the County of Cheshire—and all other persons who have left or shall leave this State or any other of the United States of America as aforesaid and have joined or Shall Join the Enemies thereof, & of the United States aforesaid, thereby, not only basely deserting the Cause of Liberty and depriving these States of their personal Services at a time when they ought to have afforded their utmost assistance in defending the Same against the Invasions of a cruel Enemy; but abetting the Cause of Tyranny, and manifesting an inimical disposition to said States and a design to aid the Enemies thereof in their wicked purposes—And Whereas, many Dangers may accrue to this State, & to the United States aforesaid, if such persons should be again admitted to reside in this State—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that if the said John Wentworth, Peter Livius, John Fisher, George Meserve, Robert Traill, George Boyd, John Fenton, John Cockran Samuel Hale j^r Edward Parry, Thomas McDonough, Robert Rogers, Andrew Pepperell Sparhawk alias Andrew Pepperell, Patrick Burn John Smith, William Johnson Rysam, Stephen Little, Thomas Achincloss, Archibald Achincloss, Robert Robertson, Hugh Henderson, Gillam Butler, James McMasters, John McMasters, George Craigie, James Bigby, William Pevey Benjamin Hart, Bartholomew Stavers, Philip Bayley, Samuel Holland, Benning Wentworth Jude Kennison, Jonathan Dix, Robert L: Fowle, Benjamin Thompson Jacob Brown, George Bell, Stephen Holland, Richard Holland, John Davidson, James Fulton, Thomas Smith, Dennis O'Hala, Edward Goldstone Lutwyche, Samuel Cummings, Benjamin Whiting, Thomas Cummings, William Stark, John Stark, John Stinson, John Stinson jun^r Samuel Stinson, Jeremiah Bowen, Zaccheus Cutler, John Holland, Daniel Farnsworth John Quigley, John Morrison, Josiah Pomroy, Elijah Williams, Thomas Cutler, Eleazer Sanger, Robert Gilmore, Breed Batchelder, Simon Baxter, William Baxter, Solomon Willard Jesse Rice, Enos Stevens, Phinehas Stevens, Solomon Stevens, Levi Willard, John Brooks Josiah Jones and Simeon Jones, or any, or either of them, and all other Persons though not specially named in this Act, who have left or shall leave this State, or either of the United States aforesaid and joined or shall join the Enemies thereof as aforesaid shall after passing this Act voluntarily return to this State without leave first had and obtained therefor from the General Assembly of this State by special Act for that pur-

pose ; it shall be the duty of the Sheriff (his under Sheriff and Deputies) of the County and of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, Committees of Safety, Grand Jurors, Constables and Tything Men, & of all others, Inhabitants of the Town, parish or District wherein such person or persons may presume to come, and they are hereby respectively impowered & directed forthwith to apprehend and carry such person or persons before some Justice of the Peace within the same County, who is hereby required to commit him or them to the Common Goal within the same County, there in close Custody to remain until He, or they shall be sent out of the State as is herein after directed—

And such Justice is hereby directed to give immediate information thereof to the Board of War in this State—And the said Board of War is hereby impowered and directed to cause such person or persons so committed to be transported to some part or place within the Dominions, or in the possession of the forces of the King of Great Britain as soon as may be after receiving such information; those who are able at their own expence—& others who are unable, at the Expence of this State—and for that purpose to hire a Vessel or Vessells if need be—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any person or persons, so transported shall voluntarily return into this State without leave had and obtained therefor in manner as before mentioned, He or they shall on Conviction thereof before the Superior Court of Judicature suffer the pains of Death—

And be it further Enacted, that if any Master of a Ship or other Vessel shall after the passing of this Act knowingly bring into any port, Harbour or place within this State, any of the persons before described, or if any person shall wilfully or willingly harbour or conceal any of them after their Return to this State, and contrary to the design of this Act, such Master or person so offending, shall on Conviction thereof before the Inferior Court of Common pleas in the County where the Offence shall be Committed or before the Superior Court of Judicature forfeit and pay the sum of five hundred pounds the half thereof to the use of this State, and the other half to the Use of him or them, who shall sue for the same—

And be it further Enacted that the President of the Council be and hereby is requested to write to the several Legislative Assemblies in the United States of America enclosing a Copy of this Act, & desiring them to transmit to this Assembly a List of all persons who have left their respective States & joined the Enemies of the United States in order that such persons may be prevented from residing in this State—

And the Secretary of this State is hereby directed to cause this Act to be published in the New Hampshire Newspapers and also in Hand bills—& to transmit fifty Copies thereof to the Ministers or Commissioners of the United States at the Court of

France as soon as may be, who are desired to cause the same to be made public immediately after they shall have received them, that so the persons named and described herein may be deterred from attempting to come within this State, without leave first had and obtained therefor as aforesaid.—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED NEW CHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

[Passed Nov. 20, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 91; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 453. Laws 1780. ed., p. 131.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferr'd to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called New Chester in the County of Grafton setting forth that they Labour under great Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation & praying that they may be Incorporated of which Public Notice has been Given & no objection has been made

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same that there be & hereby is a Township Erected & Incorporated by the Name of New Chester Bounded Northerly on Plymouth Westerly on Alexandria & Heidelberg Southerly on New Britton & Easterly on Pemigewasset River including all the Islands in said River against said Tract—And the Inhabitants of said Tract are hereby Erected into a Body Politic & Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever and Invested with all the Powers & Enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds and Enjoys To Hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever, and Karr Huse is hereby Authorized to call a meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary & Customary Town Officers giving fourteen Days Notice of the Time and place & Design of such meeting And the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers as in any other Town in this State, and Every other meeting which Shall be Annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Third Monday of March forever

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE
OF CAP^t JEREMIAH HALL LATE OF WINCHESTER DECEASED
TO CONVEY TO THE HEIRS OF JOHN DAY LATE OF KEEN
DECEAS'D CERTAIN LANDS IN SAID KEEN

[Passed Nov. 21, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 92 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 455.]

Whereas the said Heirs have petitioned the General Court of said State representing that some Years since the said Hall bargained and agreed with the said Day to sell him a certain Tract of Land situate in said Keen containing about one hundred Acres and about ten Acres more of Meadow Land in said Keen, received the purchase sum agreed upon for the same and gave him a bond to give him a Deed thereof, That in Consequence of said Agreement he entered built upon & improved the Same But that the said Hall died without having made said Deed according to the tenor of said bond—and praying that the Administrator of said Estate may be enabled to execute a valid Conveyance of the said Land & meadow to them—of which the said Administrator and the heirs of the said Hall having been notified & making no objection and it appearing to be reasonable & just

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives In general Court convened and by the authority of the same That Josiah Willard Esq^r the said Administrator be & hereby is authorized & empowered to convey the Said Land & Meadow to the said Heirs in such manner & proportion as the same would have descended to them had the said Deed been made to the said John Day in his life time agreeable to the bargain aforesaid or otherwise as they may agree—and that he execute a Deed or Deeds to them of all the Right & Title which the said Hall at the time of his death had to the said Land and Meadow accordingly—and that upon the Delivery of such Deed or Deeds duly executed by the said Williard in his said Capacity the Fee of the said Land & Meadow be vested in the said Heirs their heirs & Assigns—

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH & MAKE VALID THE DOINGS & PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF HINSDALE HOLDEN ON THE SECOND TUESDAY OF MARCH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX & THE DOINGS & PROCEEDINGS OF THE OTHER MEETINGS DERIVED FROM THE SAID ANNUAL MEETING—

[Passed Nov. 21, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 93; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 484.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of the said Town of Hinsdale have petitioned the General Court setting forth “that on the Second Tuesday of March in the Year one Thousand seven hundred & seventy Six aforesaid the day appointed by the Charter of said Hinsdale for holding their Annual Meeting for the purpose of choosing Town Officers—the Town met & chose their Officers viz^t Town Clerk, Selectmen, Assessors &c. but that said Clerk never being sworn made no Records of the Doings of said Meeting—that two of the Select Men & Assessors chosen at said Meeting were sworn to their respective Offices & proceeded to make the Town & State Rates and committed them to the Constables & Collectors to collect. but their being no Record of the Appointment of any Town Officers for that Year, many of the Inhabitants of said Town refused to pay any Regard to the Authority derived from said Meeting—That the Minutes of said Meeting are yet to be found in the Hands of their present Town Clerk—and praying that the Doings of the said Annual Meeting & the doings of all Town Meetings derived therefrom so far as they were otherwise consistent with Law might be established & made valid by an Act of the General Court—And it appearing that the proceedings of the several Officers chosen as aforesaid in Consequence of their said Appointment were for the Benefit of said Town, and not injurious to any Persons,

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, & by the Authority of the same that the Minutes of the said Annual Meeting be and hereby are declared legal, & the Entry thereof made by the Town Clerk of said Hinsdale in the Town Books according to Law be deemed & taken as a proper Record of the proceedings of said Meeting—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all other the doings & proceedings of the said annual Meeting and the doings & proceedings of the other Meetings derived therefrom

together with the proceedings of all Town Officers in consequence of their Appointment at either of said Meetings be and hereby are Established & declared valid, any Deficiencies as set forth in the before mentioned petition notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PRESERVATION AND INCREASE OF DEER WITHIN THIS STATE

[Passed Nov. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 81; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 465. Laws 1780 ed, p. 135; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 231. Repealed by act of Dec. 7, 1798.]

Whereas the killing of Deer at unseasonable times of the Year, hath been found very much to the Prejudice of this State; great Numbers thereof having been hunted & destroyed in deep Snows when they are very poor & big with Young, the Flesh & Skins of very little value, & the Increase thereof greatly hindered:—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that no person or persons whatsoever within this State from & after the last day of December in this present Year till the first day of August in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & Seventy Nine & so from the last day of December to the first day of August following annually forever hereafter, shall any Ways whatsoever kill any Buck, Doe or Fawn on pain that such person or persons shall forfeit the Sum of Fifteen pounds the one half thereof to be for the Use of this State, & the other half to be for the Use of the person who shall inform of & sue for the same: and that any two of the Justices of the peace within the County where such Offence shall be committed be and hereby are impowered to hear & determine all Suits that shall arise relating thereto. And if any person or persons offending as abovesaid, shall not have wherewithal to pay his or their Fine or Fines, he or they shall work Thirty days for the first Offence, & fifty days for every Offence afterwards, as shall be determined by any two Justices of the Peace within the County where the Offence shall be committed who are hereby authorized & impowered to hear & determine the same; & the Wages & Earnings of the Offender shall be employed to & for the Uses & Ends abovesaid—

And if any Venison, Skin or Skins of any Buck, Doe or Fawn newly killed, shall at any time in any of the aforesaid Months, wherein by this Act they are prohibited to be killed, be found with or in possession of any Person or persons whatsoever, such

person or persons shall be held & accounted in Law to be guilty of killing Deer contrary to the Intent of this Act, as fully as if it were proved against such person by sufficient witness, *Viva Voce*; except such person do bring forth & make proof who was the person or persons that sold or killed the same: Provided Nevertheless, that it shall not extend to tame Deer, or those kept in Inclosures—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Town & parish within this State at their Annual Meeting, shall make choice of two proper persons to inspect & search any suspected places or Houses where any such Deer or Deer kind aforesaid may be killed or hid; and that they shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their said Office—

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A NAVAL OFFICE AT PORTSMOUTH WITHIN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM AND FOR REGULATING THE TRADE & NAVIGATION IN THIS STATE—

[Passed Nov. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 94; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 457. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 132; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 126. See additional act of July 4, 1781, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 256. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas it is of great importance that the Trade & Navigation of this State should be properly regulated & duly attended to—and the Laws of this State already in force respecting the same being insufficient for those Purposes—and some further provision appearing to be necessary—

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that there be & hereby is a Naval Office established within the Town of Portsmouth aforesaid for the Port of Piscataqua & the other places within this State for the purpose of entering & Clearing all Ships & other Vessels trading to or from this State (the said Office to be holden by some meet person to be appointed from time to time by the General Court.) and that all the Laws heretofore in force respecting the said Office or the Regulation of the Trade, & Navigation in this State be and hereby are repealed—

And be it further Enacted that it shall be the Duty of the said Officer & he is hereby directed to take Bonds of the Masters or Owners of all such Ships or Vessels trading to or from this State with sufficient Sureties and in adequate penalties for observing the Laws respecting Trade & Navigation—take Manifests upon Oath of all Cargoes exported and imported: keep fair Accounts

& Entries thereof : give Bills of health when desired : and sign Certificates that the Requisites for qualifying Vessels to trade have been complied with—

The Fees to be taken & received in the said Office to be as follows—Viz^t—

For entering every Ship & Vessel from any port in the Massachusetts Bay	£ 0 " 9 " 0
For clearing out any Ship or Vessel to the same	" 9 " 0
For entering any Ship or Vessel from any other of the United States	" 18 —
For clearing any Ship or Vessel thereto	" 18 " 0
For entering every Ship or Vessel from a foreign Voyage	1 " 16 —
For clearing any Ship or Vessel for the same	1 " 16 —
For every Register	1 " 16 —
For recording every Register	" 6 —
For endorsing every Register	" 6 —
For every Bond	" 6 —
For a Bill of Health	" 9 —
For a Cocquet	" 6 —
For a permit to unload	" 3 —
For every Pass for the Forts	" 6 —

And be it further Enacted that the Master & Owners of all Ships & other Vessels which are decked of the Burthen of fifteen Tons or upwards shall cause the same to be registered in the Naval Office afores^d before they proceed on any Voyage, & that the Master or Owners of every smaller Vessel or Boat carrying Merchandize, Provisions, Naval or Military Stores shall cause the same to be entered & cleared at the said Office upon Penalty of forfeiting one half the Value of such Ship or Vessel & Cargo as shall be adjudged by two meet Appraisers to be appointed by the Naval Officer : and that the Master of every Ship or Vessel which shall arrive within the Port of Piscataqua aforesaid or other Place within this State shall make report at the Naval Office aforesaid within twenty four Hours after such Arrival, and shall before breaking Bulk duly enter at the Naval Office & receive a Permit to unlade upon the Penalty of forfeiting the Sum of five hundred pounds—

And be it further Enacted that no Ship or Vessel shall be permitted to Sail out of the Port of Piscataqua afores^d or other place within this State & proceed to Sea without first having duly cleared at the Naval Office afores^d & obtained a Certificate thereof from the Naval Officer : & every Ship or Vessel which shall presume to depart from the port or place aforesaid without having duly cleared & obtained such Certificate as aforesaid—the Master or Owner thereof shall on Conviction thereof forfeit & pay the one half of the Value of such Ship or Vessel & Cargo to be appraised as afores^d Provided Nevertheless that no Vessel wholly employed in the fishing Business which shall sail & return in Ninety days—or such Vessels as are only employed as Wood Coasters, & carry no other Article shall be subjected to the aforesaid Regulations (except taking out Registers & a Pass for the

Forts at the Naval Office) and all open Boats & small Craft that supply the Rivers from day to day with Fish shall pass free, provided they carry nothing but their proper Stores—

And if any Master or Commander of any Ship or other Vessel shall fraudulently exhibit to the Naval Officer a false Manifest of any inward or outward bound Cargo, or shall knowingly omit any part of the same, he shall on Conviction thereof forfeit & pay the Sum of five hundred pounds—

And be it further Enacted that the naval Officer for the time being shall before acting in said Office give bond in the sum of four Thousand pounds to the Treasurer of this State with sufficient Sureties for the faithful discharge of the Duties of said Office, & take the oaths required by Law of other civil Officers—& shall keep a fair Copy of this Act constantly in his Office for the Perusal of those Persons who do business there & also a Table of the Fees herein mentioned hung up in his said Office—And if any person employed in the Naval Office, shall illegally or unreasonably delay or defer the entering or Clearing of any Ship or other Vessel if applied to in Office Hours, (viz^t from Nine o'Clock in the morning to one & from two to four o'Clock in the Afternoon) he shall on conviction thereof forfeit & pay the Sum of Ten pounds—

And it shall be lawful for the Naval Officer during the time of any Embargo to go or send a Searcher on board any Ship or other Vessel to see that the Acts & Resolves of the General Court of this State be complied with—And in Case of Resistance to require the Aid of the High Sheriff of the County where such Ship or Vessel may lay—

And be it further Enacted that if the Commanding Officer of the Fort where the papers are directed shall willingly or negligently suffer any Ship or Vessel to pass out without first having received a permit therefor from the Naval Officer—he shall forfeit & pay the Sum of three hundred Pounds—and the Chief Magistrate of this State for the time being is hereby empowered to inspect the Naval Office Books & papers as often as he shall think necessary & see that they are regularly kept, & also to advise the said Officer in Cases which may be unprovided for by Law—

And be it further Enacted that all Forfeitures in this Act mentioned may be recovered by Action of Debt at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham by the said Naval Officer or any other Person who shall prosecute for the same—the One half thereof to be for the Use of the prosecutor & the other half for the Use of this State—and the said Naval Officer is hereby exempted from Business on the Lord's day, and on all Fast & Thanksgiving days appointed by Authority—& also on the Anniversary of American Independence.

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO PREVENT TRESPASSES UPON THE WASTE LANDS
 WITHIN THIS STATE.

[Passed Nov. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 95 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 463. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 136 ; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 100. Laws, 1792 ed., p. 261 ; id. Laws 1797, ed. p., 290.]

Whereas sundry evill minded persons, taking advantage of the present distressing situation of the publick affairs of this state, have, since the commencement of the present war, without colour of right, entred into and taken possession of divers tracts of waste land within this state, being either unappropriated lands, or lands heretofore belonging to those persons who since the commencement of the Present war have gone from this or any other of the united States and joyned the enemys thereof. For remedy whereof and for preventing the like evil for the future ;

Be it enacted by the Councill & Assembly, and it is hereby enacted, that no person or persons shall hereafter presume, without leave of the Legislature of this State, to enter into or take possession of any of the waste lands within this state, being either unappropriated lands, or lands belonging to, or forfeited by, those persons who since the commencement of the present war have gone from this or any of the united states and joyned the enemys thereof ; or to continue in the possession or occupation of any of the lands aforesaid entred into and taken possession of without colour of right as aforesaid, for the space of three months after the passing of this act, on penalty of forfeiting the sum of one hundred pounds for each offence, to be recovered by indictment of the grand jury, the one half for the use of this state, and the other half to the use of the person who shall give information thereof to the grand jury.

And no possession, being obtained or held as aforesaid, shall be of any avail in law in favour of such possessor.

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR SEVERING SAMUEL CLARK HIS FAMILY AND ESTATE FROM THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, AND ANNEXING THE SAME TO THE TOWN OF WINDHAM IN SAID COUNTY—

[Passed Nov. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 96; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 469.]

Whereas upon Setting off the said Town of Windham from said Londonderry, some years since, and incorporating the same, there was a reservation, that although Considerable part of the Land now owned by the said Samuel Clark by the Said Division fell into the said Town of Windham, Yet the Same Should (notwithstanding) be Deemed & Taken as part of the Town of Londonderry and remain as anexed thereto, And the said Samuel hath by his petition Set forth That by reason of the premises he has laboured under the Great disadvantage of being taxed in both the Towns afors^d &c—and praying to be wholly Set off from Said Londonderry & Anexed to the S^d Town of Windham—and upon due Notice Given and parties fully heard thereon the prayer of the petition appearing reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by The Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same That immediately from and after the Passing of this Act the said Samuel Clark may & shall for himself heirs & assigns poll off from the said Town of Londonderry to the said Town of Windham together with his family and all the Lands of the said Samuel as afors^d lying & being within the limits of said Town of Windham Shall be deemed, held, and Taken, to be part and parcel of the Town of Windham afors^d and they are thereto anexed accordingly forever—

Provided nevertheless that the Said Samuel Clark, the petitioner do pay to the Selectmen of said Londonderry his full share & proportion of all Legal Taxes to the said Town of Londonderry which shall be due from him upon any account whatever at the time of the passing of this Act

And shall Continue to pay his proportion of the State Tax, as heretofore, with the said Town of Londonderry till a New proportion Shall be made among the several Towns & parishes in said State—

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A CERTAIN PLACE CALLED FISHERS-FIELD LAYING PARTLY IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH & PARTLY IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE & TO ANNEX THE WHOLE TO THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

[Passed Nov. 27, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 97; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 471. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 137.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the general Court of said State in behalf of the Inhabitants of said Fishersfield representing that they labour under many inconveniencies by reason, of their being unincorporated, & of their being situate in two counties And praying that they may be incorporated and wholly annexed to the County of Hillsborough which having been considered & no material Objection having been made to the same & it appearing reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same That the said Place be & hereby is erected into a Township and incorporated by the name of Fishersfield within the following bounds Beginning at a beach tree marked standing in the Curve Line of Mason's patent so called thence running South Eighty Degrees East Seven miles & one hundred & forty four Rods to a beach Tree marked thence North thirty Degrees East one Mile & an half to Parrystown south line so called from thence South Eighty five degrees West Sixty Rods to a White Oak Tree the South West Corner of Parrystown thence North Sixteen degrees west on said Parrystown line Six miles & two hundred & forty Six Rods to a beach tree the North west corner of Parrystown then West one Mile & one hundred Rods to Sunnapée Pond & to meet the Curve line in the Pond thence southerly on said Line to the west Side of said Pond thence Six miles and one half to the first mentioned bounds on said Curve line And the Inhabitants of said Place are hereby erected into a body Politic & corporate to have continuance & Succession forever—and are hereby invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges & Immunities which any Town in this State holds & enjoys To Hold to the Said Inhabitants and their Successors forever. And Mr Zephaniah Clark is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of the said Inhabitants to chuse all necessary & customary Town Officers giving fourteen Days Notice of the Time Place & Design of such Meeting & the Officers chosen at such meeting shall hereby be

invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any other Town in this State And every other Meeting which shall be held for that Purpose annually in said Town shall be on the third Monday of March forever—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That, That Part of said Town of Fishersfield which is part of, & included within the Line of the County of Cheshire be and hereby is disjoined & separated from the said County of Cheshire and annexed unto, & shall be deemed part of, the County of Hillsborough any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 18.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED “AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING COURTS OF LAW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE WITHIN THIS COLONY.”

[Passed Nov. 27, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 98 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 467. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 137 ; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 36. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas in & by said Act it is Enacted that there shall be holden one Superior Court of Judicature at Amherst for the County of Hillsborough on the fourth Tuesday of September Annually & one Superior Court of Judicature at Dover for the County of Strafford on the last Tuesday of May Annually—And Whereas it is found to be expedient that two Superior Courts of Judicature should be holden in each of said Counties annually—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that there be and hereby is established one Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Amherst for the County of Hillsborough on the last Tuesday of February Annually and one Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Dover for the County of Strafford on the third Tuesday of November Annually in Addition to those already established by the Act aforesaid to be therein holden—

And Be it further Enacted that all Appeals Recognizances Writs and other Matters Whatsoever which have been made or are returnable to the said Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at said Amherst on the fourth Tuesday of September next shall be taken up & sustained at the said Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at said Amherst on the last Tuesday of February next—

[CHAPTER 19.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO CONFISCATE THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY PERSONS
THEREIN NAMED.

[Passed Nov. 28, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 99; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 475. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 139; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 85. This act names 28 men. See additional acts of June 26, 1779, March 18, 1780 and June 9, 1780. Repealed Sept. 15, 1786. See Belknap, "History of New Hampshire," Farmer's ed., p. 380. Opinion of the Justices, 66 N. H., 632; Orr v. Quimby, 64 N. H.; Dow v. R. R., 67 N. H., 59.]

Whereas John Wentworth Esq Samuel Holland Esq George Meserve Esq John Cochran Esq Thomas McDonough Esq William Johnson Rysam James McMasters John McMasters Benning Wentworth Gent. Robert Luist Fowle Stephen Holland Esq Edward Gouldstone Lutwyche Esq Samuel Cummings Esq Benjamin Whiting Esq William Stark Esq John Stinson Zacheus Cutler John Quigley Esq Daniel Farnsworth Josiah Pumroy Elijah Williams Esq. Breed Bachelder Enos Stevens Simon Baxter John Brooks Crane Brush Samuel Tarbell & James Rogers Esq have since the commencement of Hostilities between Great brittain and the united states of America left this and the other united states and gone over to and joyned the enemys thereof and have to the utmost of their power aided abetted and assisted the said enemys in their cruel designs of wresting from the good people of said states their Libertys civil and religious and of taking from them their property and converting the same to the use of their said enemies Whereby they have justly forfeited all right to protection from either of said states and also their right to any farther enjoyment of their interest & property being within this state

Be it Therefore Enacted by the councill and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted That the whole estate real and personal of the said John Wentworth Samnel Holland George Meserve John Cochran Thomas McDonoug William Johnson Rysam James McMasters John McMasters Benning Wentworth Robert Luist Fowle Stephen Holland Edward Gouldstone Lutwyche Samnel Cummings Benjamin Whiting William Stark John Stinson Zacheus Cutler John Quigley Daniel Farnsworth Josiah Pumroy Elijah Williams Breed Bachelder Enos Stevens Simon Baxter John Brooks Crane Brush Samuel Tarbell and James Rogers and of each and every of them lying and being within this state be & hereby is declared to be forfeited to this state and that the same be for the use thereof

And Be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid That Col. Samuel Folsom Major George Gains & M^r Robert Smith or any two of them be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the county of Rockingham to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates real and personal of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State which may be found situate lying and being within the county of Rockingham aforesaid

And that Major Caleb Hodgedon M^r John Burnum Hanson and Col. Joseph Badger or any two of them be & are hereby appointed to be a committee within the county of Strafford to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates real and personal of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this State which may be found situate lying and being within the county of Strafford aforesaid

And that Col. Moses Nicholls James Underwood Esq and Col. Noah Lovewell be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the county of Hillsborough to enter into & take possession of all and singular the Estates real and personal of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this state which may be found situate lying & being within the county of Hillsborough aforesaid.

And that Benjamin Giles Esq Major Timothy Ellis and M^r Elijah Babcock or any two of them be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the county of Cheshire to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates real and personal of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this state which may be found situate lying & being within the county of Cheshire aforesaid

And that Francis Worster Samuel Emerson and Charles Johnson Esquires or any two of them be and are hereby appointed to be a committee within the county of Grafton to enter into and take possession of all and singular the estates real and personal of the aforesaid John Wentworth Esq and others named in the preamble of this act forfeited as aforesaid for the use of this state which may be found situate lying and being within the county of Grafton aforesaid. And that the several committees aforesaid make out fair inventories of all such estates real and personall as they may enter into and take possession of as aforesaid and return the same to the general court for the time being. And all selectmen and all other persons whatsoever that may have in their possession any of the estates aforesaid taken by them in pursuance of any act resolve or order of this state are hereby directed to

deliver the same to the committees aforesaid within their respective countys.

And the said respective committees are hereby impowered & directed to sell at publick auction such personal estate as may come to their hands by virtue of this act and account for the same to the general court. And the several committees aforesaid are hereby required before they enter upon their office aforesaid to be sworn before some magistrate to the faithful discharge of their duty.

Provided Nevertheless that the several Committees aforesaid after taking such Inventories shall leave out of the personal Estate such articles as they shall deem necessary for the Use & support of any of the families of the Persons before mentioned.

[CHAPTER 20.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING THE LAWS RELATING TO WOLVES,
AND FOR FIXING THE SUMS HEREAFTER TO BE GIVEN FOR
KILLING WOLVES.

[Passed Nov. 28, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 100; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 474. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 141. Repealed by the acts of Jan. 17, 1782, and June 20, 1792. See act of Jan. 16, 1771; also act of Feb. 10, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 340.]

Whereas the Encouragement given in and by an Act intituled "An Act for encouraging the killing of Wolves" and in and by An Act intituled 'An Act to ascertain the value of the Premiums to be given for killing Wolves' is insufficient for the purposes thereby intended—and the destroying of Wolves being beneficial to this State—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same that the Acts before mentioned be and hereby are repealed & made null and void. And that whosoever shall at any time hereafter kill or destroy any grown Wolfe or Wolfe's Whelp in any Town within this State and bring the Head thereof unto the Constable of the Town in which such Wolfe or Whelp shall be killed, or to the Constable of the Town next adjacent unto the place of killing such Wolfe or Whelp without the bounds of any Township shall have a Receipt of the Constable for the same: and the Constable shall cut off both the Ears from the Head of such Wolfe or Whelp: and the Party producing the Constable's Receipt unto the Treasurer of this State for the time being shall be allowed & paid out of the State Treasury the Sum of Ten Pounds for every head of a grown Wolfe, and the Sum of five Pounds for every head of a Wolfe's Whelp by him so killed or destroyed.

[FOURTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Four Sessions, December 16, 1778, to November 19, 1779.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
George King,	Portsmouth.
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Ebenezer Thompson,	Durham.
Moses Nichols,	Amherst.
Timothy Walker,	Concord.
Jacob Abbott,	Wilton.
Charles Johnson,	Haverhill.
Samuel Ashley	Winchester.
Benjamin Bellows,	Walpole.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Bow and }	Jeremiah Page.
Dunbarton, }	Samuel Dudley.
Brentwood,	Walter Roby.
Candia,	Asa Foster.
Canterbury }	Robert Wilson.
and Loudon, }	Samuel Haseltine.
Chester,	Nathaniel Rolfe.
Concord,	Jeremiah Eastman.
Deerfield and }	Enoch Coffin.
Northwood, }	John McClary.
Epping,	
Epsom, Chichester }	
and Allenstown, }	

Exeter,	Nathaniel Folsom.
	Samuel Hobart.
	Expelled October 30,
	1779.
Greenland,	Joshua Haines.
Hampstead,	John Calfe.
Hampton,	Josiah Moulton.
Kensington,	Ebenezer Potter.
Kingston and } East Kingston, }	Richard Boynton.
Londonderry,	John McKeen.
	John Pinkerton.
Newcastle,	John Blunt.
Newington,	Timothy Dame.
Newmarket,	Samuel Gilman.
North Hampton,	Levi Dearborn.
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett.
Pellham,	James Gibson.
Pembroke,	Richard Bartlett.
Plaistow and } Atkinson }	Nathaniel Peabody.
Portsmouth,	Woodbury Langdon.
	John Langdon.
	George Gaius.
Raymond } and Poplin, }	John Dudley.
Rye,	Joseph Parsons.
Salem,	Timothy Ladd.
Sandown and } Hawke, }	David Tilton.
South Hampton } and Newton, }	Abraham Kimball.
Stratham,	Simon Wiggin.
Windham,	James Betton.

Stafford County.

Barrington,	James Marden.
Conway,	Thomas Chadbourne.
Dover,	John Wentworth, Jr.
	Caleb Hodgdon.
Durham,	John Smith.
Gilmanton and } Barnstead, }	Joseph Badger.
Lee,	Hercules Mooney.
Madbury,	James Davis, Jr.
Rochester,	James Knowles.

Sanbornton and Meredith, } Sandwich, Tam- worth and Moul- tonborough }	Ebenezer Smith.
Somersworth,	Daniel Beede. Appeared March 10, 1779.
Wakefield, Effingham and } Middleton }	John Wentworth. Appeared March 10, 1779.
Wolfeborough, New Dur- } ham and The Gore, }	Simeon Dearborn. Appeared March 10, 1779.
Hillsborough County.	
Amherst,	Thomas Tash.
Dunstable, Francetown and } New Boston }	Josiah Crosby. Renben Mussey. Noah Lovewell.
Goffstown and } Derryfield }	William Starrett.
Henniker, Hillsbor- ough, Deering and } Society Land, }	Samuel Blodgett.
Mollis, Hopkinton, Litchfield and } Nottingham West, }	Isaac Andrews.
Lyndeborough, Wil- ton, Mile Strip and } Duxbury Farm, }	Reuben Dow. Joshua Bailey.
Mason and } Raby, }	Asa Davis.
Merrimack } and Bedford, }	Nathaniel Bachelder.
New Breton, } Warner, etc. }	Amos Dakin. Appeared March 10, 1779.
New Ipswich, Salisbury and } Boscawen, }	John Orr.
Temple and } Peterborough, }	Thomas Rowell.
Weare,	Paul Pritchard.
	Ebeuezer Webster.
	Francis Blood.
	Samuel Caldwell.

Cheshire County.

Acworth, Lempster, Croydon, }	Charles Huntoon.
Saville, Unity and Newport, }	William Heywood.
Charlestown,	Thomas Stearns.
Claremont,	
Dublin and }	Benjamin Tucker.
Marlborough, }	
Hinsdale and }	Michael Cressey.
Chesterfield, }	
Keene,	Josiah Richardson.
Marlow, Surry }	Jonathan Royce.
and Alstead, }	
Packersfield }	Nathaniel Breed.
and Stoddard }	
Richmond,	David Barney.
Rindge, Jaffrey }	Enoch Hale.
and Peterborough Slip, }	
Swanzey and }	Elisha Whitcomb.
FitzWilliam, }	
Walpole,	Elisha March.
Westmoreland,	Joseph Burt.
Winchester,	Nehemiah Houghton.

Grafton County.

Apthorp, Lancaster, North-	Joseph Whipple
umberland, Stratford, Cock-	
burne, Colburne, Conway, }	Appeared March 10,
Shelburne and the towns }	1779.
above,	
Plymouth, New Chester, }	Francis Worcester.
Cockermouth and }	
Alexandria,	
Rumney, Holderness, }	Samuel Livermore.
Campton and }	Appeared March 10,
Thornton,	1779.

[*First Session, Held at Exeter, December 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1778.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO MAKE VOID ALL ATTACHMENTS WHICH HAVE BEEN OR HEREAFTER SHALL BE LAID OR MADE ON THE ESTATES OF PERSONS WHO HAVE LEFT THIS STATE OR ANY OF THE UNITED STATES AND GONE OVER TO THE ENEMIES OF THE SAID STATES SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILITIES BY GREAT BRITAIN OR ON THE ESTATES OF ANY INHABITANT OR SUBJECT OF GREAT BRITAIN

[Passed Dec. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 101; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 569. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 147. Repealed Nov. 3, 1785.]

Whereas such Attachments may be made by the Collusion of the Parties in order to defeat this State of the Benefit which may arise from the Confiscation of such Estates & to defraud just Creditors of their honest demands against such persons whereby, under the Pretence of Legality the public may be injured & much Injustice done said Creditors—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same that all Attachments which have been laid or made on such Estates since the Commencement of Hostilities against said United States, or hereafter shall be laid or made on such Estates shall be null & void—and the respective Courts to which the Writs are returned or are returnable, are hereby required to dismiss the same accordingly—

Provided that this Act Shall not Extend nor be Construed to Extend to any Matters where Attachments have already been made Judgments rendered and Execution Extended thereon and returned Satisfied.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL SUNDRY ACTS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO TAVERNERS, INNOLDERS, RETAILERS, AND COMMON VICTUALLERS. AND FOR REGULATING TAVERNS INNS & RETAILERS WITHIN SAID STATE—

[Passed Dec. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 102; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 486. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 142; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 239. Repeals acts of April 25, 1721, Dec. 3, 1730, Dec. 4, 1742 and May 2, 1754. Part of this act is repealed by the act of March 30, 1781. See act of March 22, 1782. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the after mentioned Acts; viz^t the Act entitled “An Act for the Inspecting and suppressing of Disorders in licensed Houses” the Act entitled “An Act for preventing gaming in publick houses” the Act entitled “An Act for granting unto his Majesty an Excise on several Liquors” the Act entitled “an Act in Addition to an Act intituled An Act for the suppressing Disorders in licenced Houses” and the Act entitled “an Act in Addition to an Act for the preventing of Gaming in publick Houses” Have been found ineffectual for the Purposes for which they were made And some Regulation in those Matters being Necessary—Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same that the several Acts aforementioned be and hereby are repealed annulled & made void—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Person or Persons within this State shall after the first day of May next, sell any Wine Rum Brandy or other Spirits in any lesser Quantity than fifteen Gallons to be delivered at one time, without the Approbation of the Selectmen (if any there be) of the Town Parish or Place where he or she dwells And a Licence from the Court of general Sessions of the Peace within the County where such person dwells if any there be He or She shall forfeit & pay the sum of Ten pounds for every such offence, one half for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall inform or complain thereof, the other half for the Use of the County where such Offence shall be Committed to be recovered before any two Justices of the Peace within the said County And the Oath of two credible Witnesses to each fact shall be deemed sufficient Evidence thereof—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Taverner & Innholder in this State Shall at all Times be furnished with suitable Provisions & Lodging for the refreshment &

Entertainment of Strangers & Travellers, and with Stable Room, Pasturing Hay and Provender for Horses in the proper Seasons therefor on pain of being deprived of his or her Licence—And That no person who is or Shall be licenced as an Inn holder or Taverner shall suffer any Inhabitant of such Town or Place where he or she dwell to sit drinking or tipling after Nine of the Clock at Night in his or her house or the Appendages thereof (other than Persons upon business) Nor shall willingly suffer any Person or Persons to drink to Excess, or to drunkenness, in his or her house—Nor shall suffer any Person as his or her Guest to be & remain in such house or the Appendages thereof on the Lords day other than Strangers Travellers & such as come there for necessary Refreshment—on Pain of forfeiting forty Shillings for every of said Offences one half for the Use of the Poor of the Town or Place where such Offence is committed & the other half to the use of the Person or Persons who shall inform or complain of the Offence And every Justice of the Peace within his Precinct is hereby impowered to hear & determine such Offence & to commit the Offender unto prison until he or she pay the forfeiture & Costs, or cause the same to be levied by Distress & sale of the Goods of the Offender—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Person who shall sit drinking in any licensed house as aforesaid after nine of the Clock at night other than travellers Persons upon Business or lodgers there shall pay a fine of forty Shillings—for every such Offence for the Use of the Poor of the Town where such offence is committed—

And be it further enacted by the Authority Aforesaid That no Retailer shall sell any mixed liquor or drink to any Person or Persons whomsoever, directly or indirectly ; nor suffer any Person to drink any mixed liquor, or any strong Drink or liquor So Sold within the said Retailers house or the Appendages thereof Under the Penalty of Ten Pounds to be recovered and disposed of as the forfeiture for Sell^g Wine or Spirits without Licence : and every Person who shall be found drink^g mixed or strong liquor Sold as aforesaid in any Retailers house or the Appendages thereof shall for every such Offence pay the sum of Forty Shillings for the Use of the Poor of the Town or Place where such offence is committed on complaint to a Justice of the Peace—

And for the better inspecting licenced houses and Discovery of such Persons who shall sell Spirits without Licence & of Retailers who shall sell mixed Liquors

Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Selectmen in each Town & Parish respectively shall take due Care that Tithingmen be annually chosen at the annual Meeting for the Choice of Town officers whereof two at least shall be in each Town or Parish & not more than Six in any which Tithingmen shall have Power & whose Duty it shall be carefully to inspect all licenced

houses & to inform of all breaches of this Act to a Justice of the Peace Immediately or to the next Court of general Sessions of the Peace in the County where the Offence shall be committed—And every Tithingman before he enters upon his Duty shall take the following Oath viz^t You swear that you will duly inform some Justice of the Peace of all Persons who shall sell Wine & other Spirits contrary to Law, of all disorders & misdemeanors in licensed houses, of all retailers who shall sell mixed liquors or suffer them to be drank in their houses or the Appendages thereof, & of all other breaches of this Law & of the peace so far as it Shall Come to your knowledge

And every person being legally chosen Tithingman who shall refuse to serve in said Office & to take said Oath shall forfeit & pay for the Use of the Town or Parish where he is chosen the Sum of five Pounds to be recovered by the Selectmen in like manner as the said forfeiture for selling Wine & Spirits without Licence—

And whereas Gaming in licenced Houses is attended with pernicious Consequences—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no licenced Person shall have or keep in or about his or her House out houses Yards Gardens or Places to him or her belonging Any Cards Dice Nine Pins Tables Bowls Shuffleboards Billiards or any other Implements used in Gaming, nor shall Suffer any Person or Persons to use or exercise any of the said Implements in his or her house or any of the Appendages thereof or to play at any Game under the Penalty of Twenty pounds—one half to the Use of the Poor of the Town or Place where the Offence shall be committed & the other half for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall complain or inform of the said Offence—And that no Person shall play at any or either of the Games aforesaid or use & exercise the Implements aforesaid or any other Implements used in gaming, at any licenced house or the Appendages thereof as aforesaid under the Penalty of Six pounds for every such Offence one half for the Use of the Poor of the Town or Place where such Offence is Committed the other half for the Use of the Person or Persons who shall inform or complain of said Offence said Penalties to be recovered as the forfeitures for Selling Wine & Spirits without Licence—

Provided Nevertheless that all Complaints for any breach of this Act Shall be made & prosecuted within three months after the offence Committed—

Provided also that this Act Take place and be in force from and after the first day of May next and not Sooner

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT ALTERING THE MODE OF COLLECTING TAXES PRESCRIBED IN AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES & TAXES & DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN AFFAIRS

[Passed Dec. 26, 1778. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 103; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 571. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 146. The act referred to is dated May 23, 1778. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 123. See act of July 2, 1776, act of Nov. 29, 1777 and act of May 23, 1778.]

Whereas by the aforesaid Act it is ordained that some one Person residing in Exeter should be appointed to receive the Taxes of all Non-resident Proprietors of Lands in said State which Person should publish a list of the Names of such Non resident Proprietors with the Sums each is respectively assessed & requiring them to pay said Tax to him, which Manner of publishing is attended with Inconvenience Expence & Delay : And Whereas the Method of Advertising the lands of Nonresident Proprietors for Sale for the Payment of said Taxes as prescribed in said Act is indeterminate : And whereas Constables & Collectors have thought themselves authorized by the said Act to sell the whole of the Lands of delinquent Proprietors from which great iniquity may ensue : And Whereas in the said Act there is no Provision for the Privilege of Redeeming any lands which shall be sold for the Payment of Taxes but the Lands of Persons In the Army & in Captivity, and some further Provision in that respect is deemed necessary—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the Same That the Person in Exeter appointed or to be hereafter appointed to receive the said Taxes shall in the New Hampshire Gazette & in one of the Boston News Papers three weeks successively advertise, in general, the owners & Proprietors of each particular Town, that their lands in such Town are taxed, & that the taxes & Charges must be paid to him or to the Collector for such Town within Eight weeks, (from the first publication of such advertisement) or so much of their lands will be notified for sale as will pay & discharge the same—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that each Constable or Collector shall cause the Advertisement for the Sale

of each delinquent owner & Proprietor's Lands, with the Day hour & Place of Sale to be published in the Town where the land lyes & in the Two next Adjacent Towns, and also in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks at least before the time of Sale— And that no more of such Lands shall be sold than will be sufficient for the Payment of said Taxes with the incidental Charges—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That from & after the passing of this Act, in the Sale of Lands as aforesaid, belonging to any Person or Persons who have left this State or either of the United States and joined the enemy, or who are Inhabitants of Great Britain, whose Estates are or shall be confiscated the Privilege of Redeeming the said Lands shall be reserved & saved to this State, for the Term of Twelve months after the confiscation of said Estates respectively—

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, March 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 ; April 1, 2, 3, 1779.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF TWO HUNDRED & FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE ENDS & USES HEREINAFTER MENTIONED—AND TO ENABLE THE RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING THE SAME.

[Passed March 20, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 104; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 497. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 148.]

Whereas it is necessary for the Support of the present War & for defraying the Charges of this State for the current Year that the Sum of two hundred & fifty thousand Pounds should be raised One hundred & fifty thousand Pounds whereof for the Use of the United States of America & the remaining One hundred thousand pounds for the Use of this State—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the Same that there be & hereby is granted for the current Year the Sum of two hundred & fifty thousand pounds lawful money one hundred & fifty thousand pounds whereof to be for the Use of the United States of America and the remaining one hundred thousand pounds for the Use of this State Which Sum of two hundred & fifty thousand pounds shall be assessed & levied on the Polls & rateable Estates within this State agreeable to the last Proportion

of taxes for this State to be collected and paid at the times & in the manner following viz^t One hundred & twenty five thousand pounds thereof to be collected & paid on or before the first Day of June next—Fifty thousand pounds thereof in Current Money and Seventy five thousand pounds in any of the Bills emitted by the Continental Congress or by this State—And the remaining One hundred & twenty five thousand Pounds to be paid on or before the last day of December next in current Continental Bills or Bills of this State—

And the Receiver General is hereby directed & required forthwith to issue his Warrants for collecting & paying the said Sum of two hundred & fifty thousand pounds in the manner before directed—And the Selectmen of the several Towns & Places within this State are hereby required forthwith to assess the rateable Polls and Estates within their respective Towns & places their Proportion of the said two hundred and fifty thousand Pounds & cause the same to be paid in manner aforesaid making the Continental Tax in a Seperate Column for each Payment, & to issue their Warrants Accordingly

Provided that all Persons who see fit, may pay the whole of their Continental Tax & the Second payment of the State tax in Bills emitted by the Congress of the united States dated the twentieth Day of May 1777 & the Eleventh Day of April 1778 on condition that the same be paid to the Constables or Collectors in such Season that they may pay it into the Treasury by the first Day of June next—

Provided also that the Taxes of the Lands of nonresident Proprietors be made in a single Column and that the Collectors shall not distrain for the same till after the said first Day of June next—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO IMPOWER THE EXECUTORS OF THE LAST WILL & TESTAMENT OF JOHN GRIFFITH LATE OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM ESQ^r DECEASED TO SELL HIS REAL ESTATE—

[Passed March 20, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 105; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 500. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 149.]

Whereas the greater part of the Devisees of said Deceased have petitioned the general Court representing that it would be for their benefit that the said Estate should be Sold instead of being divided according to said Will, & praying that the said Executors

may be impowered to sell the same which representation appearing to be true & the Prayer of said Petition reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same—That Samuel Penhallow & William Knight Esq^{rs} the Executors of the said Testament be & hereby are authorized & impowered to make Sale at public vendue of the whole of said Estate (except that part thereof which shall be herein ordered to be set off to the heirs of David Griffith deceased) in such Manner as the said Executors shall deem most for the benefit of the Devises in said Will named—and to make & execute valid Conveyance or Conveyances of all the said Testators right (at the time of his decease) to the said Estate to the purchaser or purchasers—the said Executors first giving bond with sufficient Sureties in an adequate Sum to the judge of Probate &c for said County that they account for the Monies raised by said Sale according to the said Testators Intention

And Whereas the said Heirs of David Griffith deceased who was one of the Devises of the Said Testator own a Lot of land adjoining to that Lot of the said Testators laying on the highway leading from the Pound in said Portsmouth to Pickerings Mill so called—& the selling their Sixth Part of said Lot might be detrimental to them—Therefore be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Executors with Samuel Hale Esq^r be & hereby are appointed a Committee to set off to the said Heirs their Sixth Part of the said Lot according to Quality & Qnantity to hold to them in severalty in such Manner as that thro their said Part they may be accomodated with a way to their said Lot and that the said Committee make return of their Doings into the Registry of the Court of Probate for said County under their hands upon oath to their fidelity & Impartiality therein as soon as may be—: and that the remainder of the said Lot be sold as aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR REMOVING THE OBSTRUCTIONS TO THE FREE PASSAGE OF ALEWIVES & OTHER FISH IN A BROOK RUNNING FROM WOOTUNNOCK POND IN NOTTINGHAM WEST IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO MERRIMACK RIVER—

[Passed March 26, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 106; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 502. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 150. The act referred to is dated March 6, 1778 and is printed in Laws, 1780 ed., p. 116.]

Whereas the said Act requires the opening & keeping open Sluices in all the Dams on said Brook during the Term therein mentioned And Whereas it has been represented to this Court by a great number of the Inhabitants of Nottingham West That the making & keeping open a Sluice in Moses Hadleys Mill-Dam the said Term will render the said Mill useless & put them to great Inconvenience as their Dependance for grinding, is, at that Season of the Year, almost entirely upon said Mill—& That a Ditch may be so made near the End of said Dam as fully to answer the valuable purposes designed by said Act Which Representation appearing to be true—

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the Same That if the said Moses Hadley shall make a Ditch near the End of his said Dam which the Selectmen of said Nottingham West shall judge sufficient for the Passage of said Fish according to the Intent of the said Act—That he be & he hereby is allowed and permitted to keep shut & stopped up the Sluice in & by the said Act required to be kept Open in his Said Dam any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Moses Hadley & the future Owners and Improvers of the said Mill shall be obliged to keep open the Ditch to be made as aforesaid from the Tenth Day of May five Weeks thence next ensuing annually upon penalty of forfeiting the sum of Three pounds to be recovered in manner & for the Uses the Penalties & forfeitures in said Act are to be recovered & applied—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SELECTMEN OR TOWN CLERKS TO SWEAR
 TOWN OFFICERS.

[Passed April 1, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 107; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 504. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 151; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 174. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas many towns and parishes within this state are destitute of justices of the peace to administer the oaths of office to the town or parish officers annually chosen therein.

Be it enacted by the council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted that the town or parish clerk or either of the selectmen for the preceeding year within any town or parish in this state be and hereby are authorized to administer the oath of office to the new town or parish clerk and selectmen and the town or parish clerk or either of the selectmen being sworn may administer the said oath of office to any town or parish officer chosen for such respective town or parish as effectually to all intents and purposes as a Justice of the peace may do in like cases.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO OBLIGE THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO BUILD
 AND MAINTAIN A BRIDGE OVER SOUHEGAN RIVER IN THE
 MILE SLIP SO CALLED.

[Passed April 2, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 108; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 506. Laws, 1780 edition, p. 151.]

Whereas the place where the publick road from Amherst to Wilton crosses Souhegan river in the mile slip is not within any town or parish liable by law to build and maintain a bridge over said river but is within the county of Hillsborough

Be it therefore enacted by the council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted that the inhabitants of the said county of Hillsborough be & hereby are obliged to build and maintain a bridge over said river in the place aforesaid. And the Justices of the court of general Sessions of the peace in said county are hereby required & directed to cause said bridge to be built & maintained

and to pay the expence thereof out of the County treasury & to assess the inhabitants therefor from time to time as occasion requires.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE TRYAL OF MATHEW THORNTON IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD.

[Passed April 3, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 109; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 491. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 153. Repealed June 26, 1779 and trial ordered in Rockingham County. See VIII State Papers, pp. 826, 829. The person referred to in this act was Capt. Matthew Thornton of Thornton in Grafton County, not Dr. Matthew Thornton of Merrimack, member of the Continental Congress, and signer of the Declaration of Independence. VIII State Papers, pp. 700, 826, 829, 831.]

Whereas Mathew Thornton jun^r now a prisoner in Exeter goal hath petitioned the general court that he may be speedily brought to a tryal and whereas the courts in the County of Grafton where the said Mathew Thornton ought by law to be tryed for the offence for which he is now confin^d are not open To the end therefore that Justice may be done

Be it enacted by the Council & assembly and it is hereby enacted that the said Mathew Thornton shall and may be tryed and adjudged in the county of Strafford for any treasons or misprisions of treason by him committed against this or any of the united states of America without this state as effectually to all intents and purposes as if the same had been committed within the said county of Strafford And the Judges of the Superior court and all others concern^d are to take notice of this act and to proceed in said tryal as if the said Mathew had last dwelt in the said county of Strafford before the commission of the treason or misprision of treason aforesaid.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT MONOPOLY OF CORN.

[Passed April 3, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 110; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 507. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 153.]

Whereas it is represented to this court that several evil minded persons within this state have purchased large quantities of corn and grain in order to enhance the price thereof in this time of scarcity to the great distress of the inhabitants of this state For prevention whereof

Be it enacted by the council and assembly and it is hereby enacted that no person shall purchase any corn or grain more than is necessary for the use of his family and dependents. And if any person or persons have purchased or shall purchase more than as aforesaid and hath or shall have the same in possession the Selectmen of the town where the same is stored are hereby authorized to enter any suspected place or places to search for and to seize the same and to dispose of it to the inhabitants of the town at a reasonable rate and after deducting charges thereon to return the overplus to the owner or owners thereof And in case any action shall be brought against any selectman or others acting by their authority in the execution of this act it shall be lawful to plead the general issue and to give this act & the special matter in evidence.

This act to be in force six months from the passing thereof and no longer.

[*Third Session, Held at Exeter, June 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 1779.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM TO SELL THAT LOT OF LAND IN PORTSMOUTH ON WHICH THE GOAL STANDS

[Passed June 23, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 111 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 509. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 154.]

Whereas the said Court has determined to build a New Goal in Portsmouth, and the Lot on which the Goal now stands by reason of its Site and Smallness is very inconvenient for that Use and the said Court has appointed a Committee to sell the said Lot and to purchase a larger

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that the said Court of general Sessions of the Peace for the County of Rockingham be and hereby is authorized and empowered by themselves or their Committee (already appointed or hereafter to be appointed) to sell the said Lot at public Vendue and to make and execute a good and valid Conveyance thereof to the Purchaser—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ASCERTAIN THE PROPORTION OF THE PUBLICK TAXES UPON SUNDRY TOWNS AND TO ENABLE THEM TO COLLECT THE SAME.

[Passed June 23, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 112 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 510. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 154.]

Whereas it appears by representations made to the general court by agents from the towns of Bath Canaan Warren and Wentworth that said towns are over rated in the proportion of the state tax. And whereas the state & continental taxes laid upon those towns for

the years 1777, 1778, & 1779 by means of the unsettled state of the county of Grafton & the want of town officers in some of said towns have not been assessed.

Be it therefore enacted by the council and house of representatives that the treasurer shall forthwith issue his warrants to each of said towns for the whole of their respective shares of the state and continental taxes for said three years instead of the taxes heretofore demanded of them after the rate of twenty shillings from each of said three towns last mentioned & Forty shillings for Bath for every thousand pounds of the state and continental tax raised in this state in the said three years: all which shall be assessed according to each persons Rateable estate on the first day of April last and paid into the treasury by the last of December next. And the same proportion shall be kept upon each & every of said towns untill a new proportion is made of the state tax.

And be it farther enacted that Samuel Emerson Esq be and hereby is directed to notify meetings of said towns of Warren and Wentworth giving fourteen days notice to choose their town officers and to govern said meetings untill moderators are chosen.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT VENDUES.

[Passed June 23, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 113; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 512. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 153. See acts of Nov. 27, 1777, May 23, 1778 and Jan. 3, 1784.]

Whereas the selling of goods at Vendues is found to be of dangerous tendency in depreciating the Currency of the United States For preventing whereof

Be it enacted by the Councill and House of Representatives that from and after the first day of July next no person shall presume to sell at vendue any goods wares or merchandize lands or tenements or other property whatsoever upon pain of forfeiting the price at which such articles respectively may be sold to be recovered by bill plaint or information or indictment of the grand jury the one half to the use of the prosecutor & the other half to the use of the County where the offence is committed. Provided that this act shall not be construed to hinder the sale at vendue of any thing lawfully taken by execution or distress or any ship or other vessell taken as lawfull prize from the enemy or the estate of any person deceased for the payment of debts legacys or funeral charges or charges of administration or any thing to be sold at Vendue by special Act of this State. Excepting such

goods as may be taken as lawfull prize from the enemy which are hereby prohibited from being sold at vendue under the penalty aforesaid

This act to continue and be in force for the space of one year from the making hereof & no longer.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE INFERIOUR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS; AND COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD—

[Passed June 25, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 114; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 515. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 155. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the holding of the inferiour Court of common Pleas for the County of Strafford by Law appointed to be holden at Dover the first Thursdays next following the second Tuesdays of January, July and October, and at Durham the first Thursday next following the second Tuesday of April annually, is found to be inconvenient; And whereas the holding of the Court of General Sessions of the Peace on the second Tuesday of the same Months at the Places aforesaid, is equally inconvenient; both said Courts being holden in the same Weeks annually with the inferiour Court & General Sessions of the Peace in the County of York, which makes it impracticable for the Inhabitants of said Counties, who may have Business in said Courts (which often happens) to attend in both Counties in the same Week—For Remedy whereof—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same, that henceforth the said Inferiour Court of common Pleas, by Law to be holden at Dover in & for the County of Strafford on the first Thursdays next following the second Tuesdays of January, July & October, and at Durham the first Thursday next following the second Tuesday of April annually; shall be holden in future at said Dover on the first Thursdays, next following the third Tuesdays of January, July & October, and at Durham on the first Thursday next following the Third Tuesday of April annually; and that all Writs, Processes, Executions and proceedings in Law, already issued, or shall be issued before the publication of this Act returnable to the said inferiour Court to be holden at said Dover on the first Thursday next following the second Tuesday of July next, shall be receiv'd upheld and sustained and passed upon at the said Inferiour Court of common

Pleas to be holden on the first Thursday next following the Third Tuesday of July next; any Law, Usage or Custom, to the contrary notwithstanding.—

And be it further enacted That henceforth the said Court of General Sessions of the Peace appointed by Law to be holden at Dover within and for the County of Strafford on the second Tuesdays of January, July & October annually; and at said Durham on the second Tuesday of April annually, shall be holden at said Dover in the County of Strafford on the Third Tuesdays of January, July & October, annually, and at said Durham on the third Tuesday of April, annually and Writs, Processes, Complaints, Presentments, Inditements, and all other Law proceedings whatsoever Made, issued, found or appointed to be heard, tried, or any ways to be prosecuted or acted upon on the second Tuesday of July next, shall be upheld, sustained, heard, tried & passed upon at said Court to be holden at said Dover, on the Third Tuesday of July next; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED ADDITION OF ALEXANDRIA IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

[Passed June 25, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 115; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 492. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 156.]

Whereas a Petition has been prefer'd to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called Addition of Alexandria in the County of Hills-borough setting forth that they Labour under great Inconveniences for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be Incorporated of which Public Notice has been given and no Objection has been made

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same that there be and hereby is a Township Erected and Incorporated by the Name of New London within the following Bounds viz Beginning at the South Westerly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid on the Patent Line and Running on said patent Line to Fishersfield Corner in great sunnipee Pond from thence East on the Northerly side Line of Fishersfield four hundred and Seventy two Rods to Perrystown Corner—Then North Eighty Five Degrees East about four Miles to a Beach Tree marked on Perrystown Line from thence North Thirty Nine Degrees East about Sixteen

hundred and Seventy two Rods to a Beach Tree marked in Alexandria Corner from thence North twelve Degrees West to the Patent Line afore mentioned on the Westerly Side of Alexandria—And the Inhabitants of said Township are hereby Erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever and Invested with all the Powers and Enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds and Enjoys To Hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever and Mr Samuel Messer is hereby Authorized to call a meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary and Customary Town Officers giving Fourteen Days Notice of the Time and the Place and Design of such Meeting and the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any other Town in this State and every other meeting which shall be Annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Second Tuesday of March forever

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED NEW BRITON IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

[Passed June 25, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 116; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 493. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 157.]

Whereas a Petition has been prefer'd to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called New Briton in the County of Hillsborough setting forth that they Labour under great Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be Incorporated of which Public Notice has been given and no objection has been made—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same that there be and hereby is a Township Erected & Incorporated by the Name of Andover within the following Bounds viz^t Beginning at a great Rock on the Westerly Side of Pemigewasset River which Rock is the Northeasterly Bounds of Salisbury then Running West Seventeen Degrees South Ten Miles then beginning again at said Rock running up said River so far as to Contain four Miles upon a Strait Line thence West seventeen Degrees South ten Miles thence on a Strait Line to the End of the first ten Mile Line—And the Inhabitants of the said Tract are hereby Erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever and Invested with all the

Powers and Enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds & Enjoys To Hold to the said Inhabitants and their Successors forever and Mr Samuel Blake is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary and Customary Town Officers giving fourteen days Notice of the Time and Place and Design of such Meeting and the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any other Town in this State & every other meeting which shall be Annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the Third Monday of March annually forever.—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND POUNDS LAWFULL MONY FOR THE USE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN PURSUANCE OF A REQUISITION OF CONGRESS.

[Passed June 26, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 117; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 495. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 162.]

Whereas the Honourable Continental Congress of the United States of America by their Act or Resolution of the 21st day of May last have recommended to this State to raise the sum of one million & five hundred thousand dollers to be paid by the first day of January next as their proportion of Forty five million dollers for the use of the United States of America The compliance wherewith appears to be for the publick good of this and the said United States.

Be it therefore enacted by the Councill & house of representatives that there be and hereby is granted the sum of Four hundred & fifty thousand ponnnds lawfull mony for the use of the said United States of America to be assessed upon the Polls and rateable estates within this State agreeable to the last proportion act unless where said proportion has been altered by law of this state.

And every person is to be rated according to the estate he possessed on the first of April last except where the property has been since changed. And mony at interest or on hand shall be set at the eighth of one per Cent rateable estate. And real estate shall be estimated and rated at the same value it was set at when the last proportion act was made. And the Treasurer of this State is hereby authorized and directed forthwith to issue his warrants to the Selectinen of the several towns & parishes within

this state for assessing levying & collecting the said sum of four hundred and fifty thousand pounds according to law and for paying the same into the treasury by the first day of January next.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED "AN ACT TO CONFISCATE THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY PERSONS THEREIN NAMED.

[Passed June 26, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 118; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 520. Laws, 1780ed., p. 159. Repealed March 18, 1780. See act of June 9, 1780. The act referred to is dated Nov. 28, 1778.]

Whereas in and by said act it is enacted that the whole estate real and personal of John Wentworth Samul Holland George Meserve John Cochran Thomas M^cDonough William Johnson Rysam James M^cMasters John M^cMasters Benning Wentworth Robert Luist Fowle Stephen Holland Edward Goldstone Lutwyche Samuel Cummings Benjamin Whiting William Stark John Stinson Zacheus Cutler John Quigly Daniel Farnsworth Josiah Pomroy Elijah Williams Breed Bachelder Enos Stevens Simon Baxter John Brooks Crane Brush Samuel Tarbell and James Rogers and of each and every of them lying and being within this State should be forfeited to the use of this state They being absentees from this State and residing with the enemys thereof. And no provision is in said act made for ascertaining the real estates of the said John Wentworth and others named in said act nor for settling their respective just debts and credits and for bringing the net produce thereof into the treasury, whereby the said act is rendred ineffectual for the purposes thereby intended, For remedy whereof, Be it enacted by the council and assembly and it is hereby enacted that the Judges of probate in the several countys of this State where the aforesaid absentees respectively last dwelt, or in case such absentee never was an inhabitant of this State, the Judge of probate of the county where the estate lies, shall appoint a trustee to each of said absentees estates forfeited as aforesaid, who shall be under oath and give bond to the said Judge of probate for the faithfull performance of their respective trusts.

And said Judge of probate shall make such orders from time to time concerning the disposal of such forfeited estates as may be most effectual for carrying said act into execution, and for bringing the net produce of said estates into the treasury of this state as soon as may be. And every such trustee shall make a true

and perfect inventory of all such estates real and personal as shall come to his knowledge and return the same to the said Judge. And all committees of Safety or other committees whatsoever appointed or authorized by law to intermeddle with and take care of such forfeited estates are to account with such trustees respectively concerning the same. And such trustees shall adjust and settle all debts and credits respectively belonging to said estates and receive or pay the ballances as the case requires (provided such respective estate be sufficient) And to that end such trustees may in their said Capacity commence prosecute maintain or defend any action or actions touching the same. And such trustees in their said capacity may sue for and recover any real or personal estate which the said absentees respectively had a right to recover at the time the aforesaid forfeiture accrued. And all actions touching the premises to be brought by or against said trustees in their aforesaid capacity shall be commenced and prosecuted in the common course of the law. And in case any or either of the estates of the absentees aforesaid shall be represented to be insolvent the said Judge of probate shall proceed to settle the same as insolvent estates of persons deceased are settled by the laws of this state. And in case the trustees aforesaid or either of them shall have just cause to suspect any person or persons of imbezling any of the personall estate, or any deed or other writing concerning the real or personal estate, of any of the absentees aforesaid, forfeited as aforesaid, upon representing the same to the said Judge of probate, such Judge of probate if he shall judge such suspicion to be well founded shall cause such suspected person or persons to be apprehended and examined, upon oath touching the same, And upon their refusing to disclose upon oath or affirmation what they know concerning the same, They may be committed to goal during the pleasure of the said Judge. And every plaintiff or defendant in any action concerning said forfeited estates may be examined on oath touching the merits of the cause under pain of imprisonment as aforesaid.

And Be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid that each and every trustee appointed as aforesaid shall give publick notice to all persons to bring in their claims against their respective absentees within six months from the date of such notice upon penalty of being excluded from receiving their debts out of such estates. And no creditor to any of the absentees aforesaid shall be allowd to commence or maintain any action against any such trustee for or upon any demand whatsoever untill he shall have given in his claim in writing to the said trustee, and in case he shall recover less than his claim he shall recover no cost. And all unocupied lands lying within this state supposed to be the property of any or either of the absentees aforesaid shall be represented to said Judge by the respective trustees thereof and the said Judge shall order such publick notice to be given thereof as

he shall judge necessary that any person or persons claiming the same may appear and be heard thereon before the same is declared forfeited and ordered to be sold for the use of this state. And the said Judge of probate respectively shall make such allowance for the wives and children of such absentees out of their estates as they shall judge proper.

And the said Judges of probate shall make a reasonable allowance to said trustees and all others concerned in settling said forfeited estates. And all sales by virtue of this act shall be at public vendue. Provided that that trustee that may be appointed for the estate of the said John Wentworth shall not intermeddle with any thing held under the last will & testament of Thomas Packer Esq deceased untill the dispute about said will is ended. And every Judge of probate shall make return of his proceedings to the general assembly every six months if the general assembly shall be then sitting or as soon after as may be.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT OF THIS STATE INTITLED "AN ACT FOR THE TRYAL OF MATHEW THORNTON IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD." AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERIOR COURT TO TRY THE SAID MATHEW THORNTON IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM.

[Passed June. 26, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 119; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 517. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 159. This act repeals the act of April 3, 1779.]

Whereas the said Mathew Thornton cannot be brought to tryal in the county of Strafford according to the intention of the above mentioned act by reason that more than two years will be elapsed from the time of his committing the offence for which he stands committed before the next term appointed by Law for holding the superior court in said county of Strafford Therefore Be it enacted by the councill and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that the before mentioned act be & hereby is repealed. And Whereas the said Mathew Thornton bath petitioned the general court to be brought to tryal in the county of Rockingham

Be it therefore enacted by the council and House of representatives and it is hereby enacted that the said Mathew Thornton shall and may be tryed and adjudged in the county of Rockingham for any treasons or misprisions of treason by him heretofore committed against this State or against any of the united States of

America without this State as effectually to all intents and purposes as if the same had been committed within the said county of Rockingham. And the Judges of the Superiour court of Judicature and all others concerned are to take notice of this act and to proceed in said tryal as if the said Mathew had last dwelt in the said county of Rockingham before the commission of the treason or misprision of treason aforesaid.

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR FORMING AND REGULATING THE MILITIA WITHIN THE STATE OF NEWHAMPSHIRE IN NEW ENGLAND AND FOR REPEALING ALL THE LAWS HERETOFORE MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE."

[Passed June 26, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 120; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 519. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 158. See acts of Sept 19, 1776 and Jan. 18, 1777. Repealed March 18, 1780.]

Whereas it is found that the penaltys set in said act are not high enough to auswer the purpose thereby intended.

Be it therefore enacted by the councill & assembly that for the sum of ten pounds mentioned in the said act shall be taken fifty pounds & for the sum of twelve pounds mentioned in said act shall be taken sixty pounds.

[*Fourth Session, Held at Exeter, October 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 ; November 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 1779.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE GEORGE KING OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM ESQ^r TO TAKE THE NAME OF ATKINSON

[Passed Oct. 29, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 121 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 525.]

Whereas the said George King hath petitioned the Council and Assembly setting forth that The late Colonel Atkinson by his Will (which has been duly proved & allowed) divided to him the said George a part of his real & personal Estate on the sole condition of his taking the name of Atkinson and by the name of Atkinson to act and transact all his Affairs in which a name is required—and praying for reasons set forth in said Petition that he may be enabled by an Act of the Council and Assembly to take the name of Atkinson as aforesaid

Be it Therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that the said George King from and after the passing of this Act be and hereby is authorized and impowered to take and use the Sur-Name of Atkinson and that he and his Posterity forever hereafter be called and known by the Surname of Atkinson in all Transactions wherein a Name is required—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO DIVORCE MARTHA STEVENS.

[Passed Oct. 30, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 122 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 528.]

Whereas Martha Stevens of Charlestown in the county of Cheshire hath petitioned the general Assembly setting forth that her husband Simon Stevens had without cause deserted and forsaken her and for many years now past had obstinately refused her any

support and therefore she prayed to be divorced from him & to be restored to the possession of her own estate which facts being proved and the prayer of said petition appearing to be reasonable & just

Be it therefore enacted by the Councill & house of representatives and it is hereby enacted That the said Martha be and hereby is divorced from the said Simon and that the Bond of matrimony between them be and hereby is dissolved : And be it further enacted that the said Martha be and hereby is restored to the use possession & improvement of her real estate in the same manner to all intents & purposes as if the said Simon Stevens were naturally dead.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT APPOINTING CERTAIN PERSONS THEREIN MENTIONED,
TO MAKE PARTITION OF LANDS HELD IN COMMON AND
UNDIVIDED, BETWEEN THE STATE AFORESAID, AND OTHERS.

[Passed Nov. 5, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 123; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 526. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 163.]

Whereas Samuel Haven of Portsmouth in the State aforesaid Clerk, hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth, that he held lands in common and undivided with Mehetable Odiorne widow, William Earl Treadwell & Mehetable his wife in her right, Peter Pearse & Mary his wife, in her right ; Daniel Odiorne & the State afores^d (which is invested by confiscation, with the right of the late Col^o Stephen Holland, being one eighth, and a third of an eighth of s^d lands) and praying that, as the said State was interested & the said Mehetable Treadwell Non Compos, some person in behalf of the said State, and a Guardian for the said Mehetable Treadwell, might be appointed to join with the others interested therein in making partition of the same Lands—And the facts contained in said Petition, appearing true, and the prayer thereof, reasonable,—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened that Col^o Samuel Folsom of Exeter, be, and hereby is, appointed, and empowered in behalf of said State, and the said William Earl Treadwell as Guardian to his said Wife, to join with others interested in said lands in making partition thereof, and to execute partition-deeds accordingly, which shall be valid and binding upon all parties.—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JANE HART THE WIFE OF THOMAS HART
 LATE OF PORTSMOUTH MARINER TO SELL & CONVEY LANDS
 IN ANDOVER

[Passed Nov. 5, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 124; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 530.]

Whereas George Hart one of the Administrators of the Estate of John Hart late of Portsmouth Esq^r deceased hath petitioned the General Court representing that In march one thousand Seven hundred & seventy Six the said Jane being in indigent Circumstances & dependant upon the said John (the father of the said Thomas) for her Maintenance (her said husband having been long out of America) did by the Advice of the said John bargain & agree with one Joseph Hilyard to sell him a Right of Land in New Breton (now Andover) whereof she was seized in her own Right & received of the said Hilyard what was then deemed the full Value thereof—That the said John then gave the said Hilyard a bond for three hundred pounds that the said Right of Land should be legally conveyed to him within three Years from that time expecting that within said term the said Thomas (if living) would Return to his native Country & confirm the said bargain & compleat the said Sale That the said Term is expired the said Thomas not returned, the said John dead & his Administrators liable to the forfeiture of said Bond And praying that in order to discharge the said Estate from the penalty of said bond the said Jane may be enabled to sell & to convey said Land agreeable to her said bargain Which appearing to be just & reasonable—Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same—That the said Jane Hart be & hereby is authorized & impowered to Sell & convey her said Right of Land to the said Hilyard & to make & execute a Deed thereof to him accordingly & that the said Right of Land be thereby as fully to all Intents & purposes Conveyed to him in fee as if the said Thomas were present & executed such Deed with her—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ABIGAIL ODLIN ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF WOODBRIDGE ODLIN LATE OF EXETER IN SAID STATE CLERK DECEASED INTESTATE TO EXECUTE A DEED TO PHILIP CONNOR OF CERTAIN LANDS IN MEREDITH.

[Passed Nov. 5, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 125 ; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 532.]

Whereas the said Abigail has Petitioned the General Court representing that in the Year one thousand seven hundred & Seventy two the said Intestate owning a Right of Land in the Township of Meredith agreed with said Philip Connor that if he would carry on & settle said Right according to the Conditions of the Charter of said Township he said Intestate would give him said Connor Fifty Acres of Land off the Easterly End of the Lot numbered four in the first Range & first Division of Lots in said Township & gave him a bond to give him a Deed accordingly—That the said Connor did settle the said Right & perform the Articles of said Agreement on his part to be done and performed in the lifetime of said Intestate but neglected to procure said Deed—And Praying that, in order to free said Estate from the Penalty of said Bond & to do justice to the said Connor She may be authorized to Execute a Deed of said fifty Acres of said Land to the said Connor agreeable to the Intention of said Parties—Which Representation appearing to be just and Prayer reasonable—therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same—That the said Abigail Odlin be & hereby is fully authorized & impowered to make & execute a good Deed to said Connor of the said Intestates Right & Title at the time of his Decease to the said fifty acres of Land And that the said Right & Title be thereby as fully conveyed to the said Connor his heirs & Assigns as if the said Intestate had in his lifetime made & executed such Deed.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PART OF THE SOCIETY LAND (SO
 CALLED) IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.

[Passed Nov. 5, 1779, Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 126; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 534. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 163.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of that part of the Society Land (so called) laying on the West side of Contoocook River and South of Antrim North of Peterborough and Dublin and East of Packersfield have Petitioned the General Court, praying that they may be invested with Town Priviledges by incorporation, of which Petition and the Order of Court thereon due notice hath been given and no objection been made, and the Prayer of said Petition appearing reasonable.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Councill and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same that there be and hereby is a Township erected & incorporated by the Name of Hancock bounded Northerly by Antrim, Easterly by Contoocook River, Southerly by Peterborough & Dublin and Westerly by Packersfield, and the Inhabitants thereof erected into a Body Politick and corporate to have continuance and succession forever, and are hereby invested with all the powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Priviledges and immunities which any Towns in this State hold & enjoy.

To hold to the said Inhabitants and their successors forever. And M^r Jonathan Bennett is hereby authorised to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse all necessary and customary Town Officers, giving fourteen days notice of the time, place and design of such meeting, and such Officers shall hereby be invested with all the powers of the Officers in any other Town in this State and every other meetrng which shall be annually held in said Town for that purpose shall be on the Second Monday of March Annually forever

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO DISANNUL THE MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN
JAMES COCHRAN THE THIRD & MARY HIS WIFE

[Passed Nov. 6, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 127; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 529.]

Whereas James Cochran the third of Pembroke in the state of New Hampshire hath petitioned the general assembly setting forth that Mary his wife had broken her marriage covenant by repeated acts of adultery and therefore he prayed to be released from his marriage contract with her which facts appearing to be true and the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable. Be it therefore enacted by the council and assembly and it is hereby enacted that the said Mary be and hereby is divorced from the said James Cochran and that the bond of matrimony between them be and hereby is dissolved.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN GARLAND ESQ; & DEACON JAMES
MARDEN TO EXCHANGE CERTAIN LANDS RESERVED IN THE
CHARTER OF BARRINGTON AS A PARSONAGE, FOR OTHERS
MORE CONVENIENT—

[Passed Nov. 11, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 128; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 538.]

Whereas John Garland Esq : & James Marden Yeoman both of Barrington in the County of Strafford have petitioned the General Court in behalf of the parish in said Barrington setting forth that in the Charter of said Town two hundred Acres of Land were reserved for a Parsonage—which have in consequence thereof been laid out at such a Distance from their Meeting-house as renders the Design useles—that the said Parish are about settling a Minister, but cannot raise his Support without having the benefit of said parsonage—And praying Liberty to exchange said Lands for others that may better accommodate their Minister : and Notice having been given, & no Objection having been made & the Prayer of s^d Petition appearing highly reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same, that the said John Garland & James Marden be, & hereby are fully authorized to exchange the Lands laid out as aforesaid for others more convenient so as that the Uses intended by the Reservation of said Charter be not defeated. Provided also, that the Conveyance of the Lands taken by the said John Garland & James Marden in Exchange be made for the Use of a Parsonage in said Town forever—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said John Garland & James Marden be & hereby are authorized in case they cannot conveniently exchange said Lands to sell the same & purchase others for the uses aforesaid.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JONATHAN PAGE OF SANDWICH IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD YEOMAN, TO CONVEY TO SAMUEL DEARBORN OF EPPIN GENT. SEVEN ACRES OF LAND IN SAID EPPIN & FOR MAKING HIS CONVEYANCE THEREOF VALID IN LAW—

[Passed Nov. 11, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 129; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 536.]

Whereas the said Page & Dearborn have petitioned the general Court, representing that in May 1759 John Page of Eppin (father of the said Jonathan) conveyed to his Son John a certain piece of Land in said Eppin, being the whole of the then homestead of the said John the father, who then was & still is aged infirm & unable to support himself: In consideration of which Conveyance the said John the Son with his Brother Jeremiah Page executed to the said John the father a bond for a thousand pounds with Condition that the said Jeremiah & John, the Sons, should maintain & support their said father during his natural Life—That the said John the Son soon after absconded not having in any manner fulfilled the Condition of said Bond nor divested himself of the premises—a part of which viz^t about three acres was afterwards levied upon to satisfy an Execution which one Nathan Rowe had obtained against him—That the said Jeremiah is unable to support his said father whereby the burden of his maintenance has fallen on the said Jonathan who is poorly able to support himself & family, & has been obliged to apply to the said Dearborn for his Assistance in the support of the said Father And

praying that the said Jonathan may be enabled to convey the said Seven Acres, the Remainder of the said Ten Acres to the said Dearborn and that such conveyance may be made valid in Law Which appearing to be reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same that the said Jonathan Page be and he hereby is fully authorized & impowered to make & execute to the said Samuel Dearborn his heirs & Assigns a good Deed conveying to them the said Seven Acres of Land and that such conveyance be taken deemed & adjudged good & valid in Law, the said Deed of the said John the father to his Son John notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THOMAS PACKER OF GREENLAND TO APPEAL FROM A DECREE OF THE HON^{ble} JOHN WENTWORTH ESQ^r DECEASED, LATE JUDGE OF PROBATE FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM (RESPECTING THE SAID PACKER'S LATE FATHER'S WILL) TO THE NEXT SUPERIOR-COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR SAID COUNTY—

[Passed Nov. 16, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 130; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 540.]

Whereas the said Thomas Packer hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State setting forth that his late father Thomas Packer of Portsmouth in said county Esq^r deceased, but a few hours before his death was prevailed upon (by some means or other) to execute a Will by which the said Petitioner his only Child was excluded from a principal part of his said father's Estate which was devised to John Wentworth Esq^r late Governor of the then Province of New-Hampshire—that the said deceased was not of sound mind and memory at time of executing said Will—and that it was materially different from one he had proposed before when he was better qualified for such important business—that the Judge of Probate aforesaid, notwithstanding, proved approved and allowed the said Will. But the Appeal lying at that time to the said Governor & Council, and the Petitioner despairing of a reversal of said Decree, never prosecuted or claimed an Appeal therefrom, by which means the said Will stood in full force and the said Governor who was sole Executor thereof as well as principal Devisee of said Estate took the same into his hands for all which reasons, the Petitioners prayed leave to bring in a Bill

to enable him now to have a rehearing by way of Appeal from said Decree to the Supreme-Court of Probate, which Jurisdiction is vested in the Judges of the Superior-Court of Judicature for said County—and the material facts alledged in said Petition appearing true, and the Prayer thereof just and reasonable—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General-Assembly convened that the said Thomas Packer the Petitioner be and hereby is authorized to claim an Appeal from the Decree aforesaid, of the Judge of Probate of Wills &c for said County (giving Bond as usual in cases of Appeals from said Court) and to prosecute the same at the next Superior-Court of Judicature for said County, and the Judge of Probate for said County for the time being is hereby authorized and required to grant an appeal as aforesaid when so claimed—and the said Superior-Court of Judicature is hereby authorized and required to sustain the same—The Judgment or Sentence of which Superior-Court touching said Will to be final and conclusive—

And whereas David Copps ——— Clough James Hearsey, Moses Gilman Jacob Tilton & Joseph Simms & Hall Jackson, have since the Probate of said Will severally purchased of said Governor Wentworth, or agreed with, and paid him for a Lot of Land each in the Estate aforesaid—And whereas there may be other persons who have bone fide for a valuable consideration, since the Probate of said Will, purchased of said Governor Wentworth, lands respectively, being part of the said Estate—

Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Title of all the aforementioned persons to their several Lots aforesaid shall be in no wise affected by any Judgment or Sentence of said Superior Court relative to s^d Will; and that the said Packer the Petitioner, shall give Quit Claim Deeds to all such of the aforementioned persons as have only agreed and paid for their respective lots—they requesting the same, and lastly that All persons whomsoever tho' not mentioned in this Act who have Deeds from said Governor Wentworth made & executed before he left the Government, or from any persons under him of any of the Lands afores^d that are duly Recorded—All such persons shall hold their said Lands, and their Title to the same shall remain good and valid This Act, or any Judgment or Sentence of said Superior-Court in consequence thereof, Notwithstanding.—

Provided that nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect the Widow of the said deceased but she shall be to all intents and purposes in the same situation hereafter respecting what is given her by said Will as if this Act had never been made—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED NORTHUMBERLAND
IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

[Passed Nov. 16, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 131; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 543. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 165.]

Whereas a Petition has been prefer'd to the General Court by the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land Called Northumberland in the County of Grafton setting forth that they labour under great Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be Incorporated of which public Notice has been given and the parties heard thereon, And it having appeared reasonable that the prayer of Said Petition be granted.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the Same that the aforesaid Tract of Land be and hereby is Erected and Incorporated and be a Township by the Name of Northumberland, containing all the Lands & bounded as set forth in the grant or Charter thereof—And the Inhabitants of said Tract are hereby Erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever and Invested with all the Powers and Enfranchised with all the Rights, Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds & Enjoys To Hold to the Said Inhabitants and their Successors forever and Joseph Peverly Esq^r is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of Said Inhabitants to chuse all Necessary and Customary Town Officers giving fourteen days Notice of the time and place and Design of such Meeting and the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any Other Town in this State & every other Meeting which shall be Annually held in Said Town for that purpose shall be on the Second Tuesday of March forever.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED STRATFORD IN THE
COUNTY OF GRAFTON

[Passed Nov. 16, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 132; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 545. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 166.]

Whereas a petition has been prefer'd to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called Stratford in the County of Grafton, setting forth that they Labor under great Inconveniencies for want of an Incorporation and praying that they May be Incorporated of which public Notice has been given and no objection has been made—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the Same that there be and hereby is a Township Erected and Incorporated by the Name of Stratford containing all the Lands & bounded as set forth in the Charter or grant thereof. And the Inhabitants of said Tract are hereby Erected into a Body Politic and Corporate to have continuence and Succession forever and Invested with all the Powers and Enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds & enjoys To Hold to said Inhabitants and their Successors forever— And M^r John Brown is hereby Authorized to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse Necessary and Customary Town Officers giving fourteen days Notice of the time, place and design of such Meeting And the Officers then chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such officers in any other Town in this State and every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that purpose shall be on the First Tuesday of March forever.

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO REPEAL A CERTAIN CLAUSE IN AN ACT ENTITLED
 "AN ACT FOR INCORPORATING A NEW PARISH IN EXETER"
 & FOR GIVING LIBERTY TO THE INHABITANTS OF SAID
 EXETER TO JOIN THEMSELVES TO WHICH OF THE PARISHES
 IN SAID TOWN THEY SHALL CHUSE—

[Passed Nov. 16, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 133; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 547. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 164. The act referred to is dated Sept. 18, 1755. See act of Dec. 13, 1763.]

Whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of said Exeter have Preferred a Petition to the general Court praying that a Clause in an Act passed in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & fifty five entitled "an Act for incorporating a New Parish in Exeter" which clause is in the following words. "And be it further Enacted that all persons who shall come to live & settle in said town hereafter & all Minors who are or shall be Inhabitants there who shall desire to belong to said New Parish shall within Three months after their coming to live in said Town or Attaining to the age of twenty one Years respectively give their Names & signify such Desire & Design in writing to the Clerk of said Town for the time then being & to the Clerk of said New Parish and in Default thereof shall not be adjudged to belong to said Parish & the same Rule to be observed by Children which shall be born in said Town" be repealed And that all the Inhabitants of said Town may have Liberty to pay to-wards the parochial Charges of that Parish where they shall respectively attend the public Worship of God—

Which Petition having been duly considered & appearing reasonable & just—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same that from & after the passing this Act the recited Clause be repealed annulled & made void—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the present Inhabitants and Those who shall hereafter inhabit said Town that are or shall be desirous of joining in public Worship with the new Parish in said Town and those who shall hereafter come of Age in said Town & shall desire to join with the said New parish, shall enter their names & such Desire with the Clerk of the said New Parish and shall also produce to the Town Clerk a certificate thereof & enter the same with him & that All who

shall do so, shall be deemed & taken to belong to the said New parish and shall be rated to the Parochial Charges of that Parish only—And that such as do not enter their names & Desire as aforesaid shall be deemed & taken to belong to the Old Parish & shall be there rated to all parochial Charges accordingly—And any person belonging to the said New Parish or who hereafter shall belong to the Same shall have the same Liberty to enter his or her Name & Desire with the Clerk of said Town for the time being & with the Clerk of the said New Parish signifying such Desire to join with the said Old Parish such Person shall be deemed & taken to belong to the said old Parish & shall be there rated to all Parochial Charges accordingly. And all Other Inhabitants of said Town shall be deemed & taken to belong to the said old Parish & shall be rated there accordingly any law usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME FOR HOLDING THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND

[Passed Nov. 16, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 134; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 550.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the general Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of the Town of Richmond in the County of Cheshire—representing that the last Wednesday of March, the Day appointed by the Charter of said Town for holding the annual Meeting there, is inconvenient for the said Inhabitants & praying that the same may be altered and the first Monday of March appointed for that Purpose—which appearing necessary

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same—that the Meeting of the Inhabitants of the said Town of Richmond, for the Choice of Town Officers & other Town business be held in said Town for the future on the first Monday of March Annually anything in said Charter to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR COMPLYING WITH, AND CARRYING INTO EFFECT,
 THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN RESOLU-
 TIONS OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMER-
 ICA, OF THE 24.TH OF SEPTEMBER & 2ND OF OCTOBER 1779.

[Passed Nov. 17, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 135; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 551.]

Whereas the Congress of the United States of America did on the 24th day of September last past unanimously enter into certain resolutions in the words following, namely, "Whereas on the first day of June last Congress by a certain resolution reciting that whereas divers applications had been made to Congress on the part of the State of New York and of the State of Newhampshire relative to disturbances and animosities among inhabitants of a certain district known by the name of the Newhampshire grants praying their interference for quieting thereof, did resolve that a committee be appointed to repair to the Newhampshire grants, and inquire into the reasons why they refused to continue citizens of the respective States which heretofore exercised jurisdiction over the said district, for that as Congress are in duty bound on the one hand to preserve inviolate the rights of the several States, so on the other they will always be carefull to provide that the justice due to the States does not interfere with the justice which may be due to individuals. That the said committee confer with the said inhabitants and that they take every prudent measure to promote an amicable settlement of all differences, & prevent divisions & animosities so prejudicial to the united States, and did further resolve that the further consideration of this subject be postponed untill the said committee shall have made report. And whereas it so happened that a majority of the committee appointed in pursuance of the aforementioned resolution did not meet in the said district and therefore have never executed the business committed to them, or made a regular report there upon to congress. Ordered that the said committee be discharged.

And whereas the animosities aforesaid have late proceeded so far and risen so high as to endanger the internal peace of the United States, which renders it indispensibly necessary for Congress to interpose for the restoration of quiet and good order: and whereas one of the great objects of the union of the united States of America is the mutual protection and security of their respective rights; and whereas it is of the last importance to the said

Union that all causes of jealousy and discontent between the said States should be removed, and therefore that their several boundaries and jurisdictions be ascertained & settled. And whereas disputes at present subsist between the States of Newhampshire Massachusetts bay and New York on the one part, and the people of a district of country called Newhampshire grants on the other, which people deny the jurisdiction of each of the said States over the said district; and each of the said States claim the said district against each other, as well as against the said people, as appertaining in whole or in part to them respectively. Resolved unanimously that it be and hereby is most earnestly recommended to the States of Newhampshire Massachusetts bay and New York forthwith to pass laws expressly authorizing Congress to hear and determine all differences between them, relative to their respective boundries, in the mode prescribed by the articles of Confederation, so that Congress may proceed thereon by the first day of February next at farthest. And further that the said States of Newhampshire Massachusetts bay and New York do by express laws for the purpose refer to the decision of Congress all differences or disputes relative to jurisdiction, which they may respectively have with the people of the district aforesaid; so that Congress may proceed thereon on the said first day of February next. And also to authorize Congress to proceed to hear and determine all disputes subsisting between the grantees of the several States aforesaid with one another or with either of the said States, respecting title to lands lying in the said district, to be heard and determined in the mode prescribed for such cases by the articles of confederation aforesaid: and further to provide that no advantage be taken of the non performance of the conditions of any of the grants of the said lands; but that further reasonable time be allowed for fulfilling such conditions.

Resolved unanimously that Congress will & hereby pledges their faith to carry into execution & support their decisions and determinations in the premises in favour of whichever of the partys the same may be; to the end that permanent concord & harmony may be established between them, and all cause of uneasiness removed.

Resolved unanimously that congress will on the said first day of February next proceed without delay to hear and examine into the disputes and differences relative to jurisdiction aforesaid, between the said three States respectively, or such of them as shall pass the laws beforementioned on the one part, and the people of the district aforesaid, who claim to be a separate jurisdiction on the other; and after a full and fair hearing will decide and determine the same according to equity; and that neither of the said States shall vote on any question relative to the decision thereof. And Congress do hereby pledge their faith to execute and support their decisions and determinations in the premises.

And whereas it is essential to the interest of the whole Confederacy that all intestine dissensions be carefully avoided and domestic peace and good order maintained,

Resolved unanimously that it is the duty of the people of the district aforesaid, who deny the jurisdiction of all the afore named States, to abstain in the mean time from exercising any power over any of the inhabitants of the said district who profess themselves to be citizens of or to owe allegiance to any or either of the said States ; but that none of the towns either on the east or west side of Connecticut river be considered as included within the said district, but such as have heretofore actually joyned in denying the jurisdiction of either of the said States, and have assumed a separate jurisdiction, which they call the state of Vermont : and further that in the opinion of Congress the said three States aforesaid ought in the mean time to suspend executing their laws over any of the inhabitants of the said district, except such of them as shall profess allegiance to and confess the jurisdiction of the same respectively : and further that congress will consider any violences committed against the tenor true intent and meaning of this resolution as a breach of the peace of the Confederacy, which they are determined to keep & maintain. And to the End that all such violences and breaches of the public peace may be the better avoided in the said district, it is hereby recommended to all the inhabitants thereof, to cultivate harmony & concord among themselves, to forbear vexing each other at law or otherwise, and to give as little occasion as possible to the interposition of magistrates :

Resolved unanimously that in the opinion of congress no unappropriated lands, or estates which are or may be adjudged forfeited or confiscated, lying in the said district, ought until the final decision of congress in the premises, to be granted or sold."

And whereas also the said Congress of the United States of America did on the 2nd day of October last unanimously enter into a certain other resolution in the words following namely. "Whereas in the first resolution of Congress of the 24th of September last, relative to a district of country called the Newhampshire grants, is the following clause, viz. "And also to authorize Congress to proceed to hear and determine all disputes subsisting between the grantees of the several States aforesaid, with one another or with either of the said States, respecting title to lands lying in the said district, to be heard and determined in the mode prescribed for such cases by the articles of confederation aforesaid" And whereas no provision is made in the said articles of confederation for hearing and determining disputes between any State and the grantees of any other State ; Resolved unanimously that the clause above recited be repealed.

Resolved unanimously that it be and hereby is recommended to the States of Newhampshire Massachusetts bay and New York to

authorize congress to proceed to hear and determine all disputes subsisting between the grantees of the several States aforesaid with one another, or with either of the said States, respecting title to lands lying in the said District, to be heard and determined by commissioners or judges, to be appointed in the mode prescribed by the ninth article of the confederation aforesaid.

And whereas the afore recited resolutions and recommendations are founded in equal justice and true policy, and have for their object the establishment of perpetual harmony friendship and mutual confidence between the States therein named, which it is no less the desire than interest of this State to promote.

Be it Therefore enacted by the council and assembly & it is hereby enacted, That all the powers and authoritys which it is recommended to or requested of this State, in and by the said resolutions, to vest in or grant to the said congress, shall be and hereby are vested in and granted thereon, as fully and amply as if the same were again particularly enumerated & described. And that the decisions & determinations which shall be made in the premises in pursuance of the powers and authorities hereby granted shall be obligatory on this State and the people thereof, so far as the said decisions and determinations or any or either of them shall respect the same, or any part thereof.

And further that this act shall always be construed in a sense most adapted to advance the design true intent & meaning of the said resolutions.

And Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That no advantage shall be taken by this State of the nonperformance of any of the conditions in any of the grants of land in the said resolutions referd to, but that further time be given to fulfil the same respectively, to wit, untill the expiration of six years to be computed from the publication of this act.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Samuel Livermore Esq^r with the Delegates of this State at the Continental Congress for the time being or either of them be & hereby are fully authorized and impowered to appear as Agent or Agents for this State, and to represent the Same before the said Congress, or any Court or Commissioners appointed by Congress to hear & determine any, or all the disputes aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO REPEAL A CERTAIN CLAUSE OF AN ACT, INTITLED
 "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITLED "AN ACT TO
 'PREVENT THE FORGING AND ALTERING BILLS OF PUBLICK
 'CREDIT, AND FOR PREVENTING THE DEPRECIATION THEREOF,
 'AND FOR MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THE UNITED
 'COLONIES, AND THE BILLS OF THIS COLONY A TENDER IN
 'ALL PAYMENTS'

[Passed Nov. 18, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 136; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 579. Laws, 1780ed., p. 168. The act herein referred to is dated April 8, 1777.]

Whereas in and by said act it is among other things enacted
 "That whoever being indebted to any person or persons living or
 'residing or being within this state on simple contract specially
 'or in any manner whatsoever and such person or persons so
 'indebted shall tender to such Creditor or creditors the full debt
 'and demands due to him or them from such debtor or debtors in
 'bills of publick credit issued by the american congress or bills
 'of credit of this state and if such creditor or creditors shall not
 'upon such tender receive the same in payment and full satisfac-
 'tion for such debts dues or demands and wholly discharge such
 'debtor or debtors therefrom if thereto requested such refusal shall
 'be construed in law as a total extinguishment of all and every
 'such debt due and demand and whenever it shall happen that any
 'such creditor or creditors as aforesaid shall after such tender as
 'aforesaid bring any action or actions to any court within this
 'state against any person who shall have made such full tender as
 'aforesaid the defendant upon tryal shall be at liberty to plead the
 'general issue and give this act in evidence and such tender being
 'made to appear to the satisfaction of the Court and jury who
 'shall try the same judgment shall be rendred that the defendant
 'do recover treble costs of suit and execution shall issue accord-
 'ingly'; which clause of said act above recited is found not to have
 answered the intention for which it was enacted, and also
 is unjust with respect to individuals.

Be it therefore enacted by the councill and assembly and it is
 hereby enacted, that the above recited clause be and hereby is
 repealed & held null and void as if the same had not been enacted.

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ALLOW APPEALS TO CONGRESS IN CERTAIN MARITIME CASES.

[Passed Nov. 18, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 137; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 573. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 166. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the Congress of the united States claim the final appealant Jurisdiction in maritime causes, as incident to the rights of making peace and war, which claim so far as it respects foreign nations is just.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & Assembly and it is hereby enacted, that henceforth in all maritime causes that shall be tried and determined in this state, wherein any subject or subjects of any foreign nation or state in amity with this & the united states of america shall in due form of law claim the whole or any part of the vessell & cargo in dispute, either party shall be allowed an appeal to Congress or to such judge or judges as shall be appointed by Congress to hear and determine the same; provided such appeal be claimed within twenty four hours after judgment is given, and also sufficient security given, as the court shall order, to prosecute such appeal with effect, and to pay all intervening costs & damages in case the first judgment should be affirmed.

In Council Nov. 16th 1779.

Voted that the Delegates for the time being in Congress, Appointed by the Legislature of this State, or either of them, be and hereby are Appointed and Impowered to Join in Convention with Such Commissioners as may be Appointed by any of the other States to Meet at Philadelphia on the first Wednesday in January next, for Considering of the Expediency of Limiting the Prices of Merchandize and Produce, and if the Convention Judge Such a measure Necessary, then to Proceed to Limit the Prices of Articles as they think proper in their Several States in Such manner as Shall be Adapted to their respective Situations and Circumstances, and report their proceedings to the Legislature of this State.—

Sent Down for Concurrence E Thompson Secretary—

In the House of Representatives the Same day, Read and Concurr'd

In the House of Representatives, November 16th 1779.

Voted and Resolved that no Provisions of any kind or Live Stock be allowed to be Exported out of this State before the first day of January next without Express Licence of the General Court or Committee of Safety, Unless Necessary Victualling of Ships and other Vessels sailing out of this State.

Council Concurred, November 17.

[FIFTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Five Sessions, December 15, 1779, to November 11, 1780.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
George Atkinson,	Portsmouth.
Matthew Thornton,	Londonderry.
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Ebenezer Thompson,	Durham.
Francis Worcester,	Plymouth.
Jacob Abbott,	Wilton.
Timothy Farrar,	New Ipswich.
Enoch Hale,	Rindge.
Samuel Hunt,	Charlestown.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Bow and Dunbarton, }	John Bryant. Appeared Feb. 9, 1780.
Brentwood, Candia, Canterbury } and Loudon, }	Samuel Dudley. Walter Roby.
Chester,	Abiel Foster.
Concord, Deerfield and } Northwood, }	John Webster. Robert Wilson.
Epping,	Thomas Stickney.
	Jeremiah Eastman.
	Enoch Coffin.

Epsom, Chichester }
and Allenstown, }
Exeter,

Greenland,
Hampstead,
Hampton,
Hampton Falls,
Kensington,
Kingston and }
East Kingston, }
Londonderry,

Newcastle,
Newington,
Newmarket,
North Hampton,
Nottingham,
Pelham,
Pembroke,

Plaistow and }
Atkinson }
Portsmouth,

Raymond }
and Poplin, }
Rye,
Salem,
Sandown and }
Hawke, }

South Hampton,
Stratham,
Windham,

Strafford County.

Barrington,
Conway,

Dover,

James Gray.

John Taylor Gilman.
Ephraim Robinson.
William Weeks.
John Calfe.
Josiah Moulton.
Samuel Weare.
Ezekiel Worthen.

John Eastman.

Moses Barnett.
Samuel Fisher.
John Blunt.

Ephraim Pickering.

James Hill.

Levi Dearborn.

Thomas Bartlett.

David Butler.

Richard Bartlett.

Appeared February
9, 1780.

Ezekiel Gile

William Whipple.

John Langdon.

George Gains.

John Dudley.

Joseph Parsons.

Timothy Ladd.

David Tilton.

Appeared February
9, 1780.

Benjamin Brown.

Mark Wiggin.

James Betton.

John Garland.

Thomas Merrill.

Appeared June 7,
1780.

John Wentworth.

Caleb Hodgdon.

Durham,
Gilmanton and }
Barnstead, }

John Smith.
Joseph Badger.
Appeared April 19,
1780.

Lee,

Hercules Mooney.
Appeared February 9,
1780.

Madbury,
New Durham, The Gore }
and Wolfeborough, }
Rochester,
Sanbornton and }
Meredith, }
Sandwich, Tamworth }
and Moultonborough, }
Somersworth,
Wakefield, Middleton }
and Leavittstown, }

James Davis, Jr.
Matthew S. Parker.
James Knowles.
Ebenezer Smith.
Jonathan Moulton.
Jonathan Wentworth, Jr.
Simeon Dearborn.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,

Josiah Crosby.
Stephen Peabody.
Appeared February
9, 1780.

Dunstable,
Goffstown,
Hillsborough,
Hollis,

Noah Lovewell.
Robert McGregore.
James McCalley.
John Hale.
Appeared June 7,
1780.

Hopkinton,
Mason and }
Raby, }
Merrimack }
and Bedford, }

Abel Kimball.
Amos Dakin.
Wyseman Claggett.
Appeared April 19,
1780.

New Boston and }
Francestown, }
New Ipswich,

William Starrett.
Thomas Heald.
Appeared February
9, 1780.

Nottingham West,
Salisbury and }
Boscawen, }

Samuel Chase.
Henry Gerrish.

Temple and }
 Peterborough, }
 Warner, Andover etc.
 Weare,
 Wilton and }
 Lyndeborough, }

Francis Blood.
 Isaac Chase.
 Samuel Caldwell.
 Abiel Abbott.

Cheshire County.

Charlestown,
 Croydon, Newport, }
 Unity, Lempster }
 and Saville, }

William Haywood.
 Charles Huntoon.
 Benjamin Giles.
 Appeared February 9,
 1780.

Dublin, }
 Marlborough, etc., }
 Hinsdale and }
 Chesterfield, }
 Keene,
 Marlow, Alstead, etc.,
 Richmond,
 Rindge, Jaffrey etc.
 Stoddard and }
 Packersfield }
 Swanzey and }
 Fitzwilliam, }
 Walpole,
 Westmoreland,
 Winchester,

Amos Emery.
 Nathaniel Bingham.
 Josiah Richardson.
 Jonathan Smith.
 Noah Curtis.
 William Smiley.
 Nathaniel Breed.
 John Mellen.
 Josiah Goldsmith.
 Joseph Burt.
 Nehemiah Houghton.

Grafton County.

Lancaster, Strafford, }
 Northumberland, etc. }

Jeremiah Eames.
 Appeared February
 9, 1780.

Plymouth, Cockermouth, }
 Alexandria, New }
 Chester, }
 Rumney, Holderness, }
 Campton, }
 Thornton, }

Joseph Senter.
 Samuel Livermore.

[*First Session, December 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 1779 ; January 1, 1780.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ANNA FASSET ADMINISTRATRIX OF THE ESTATE OF BENJAMIN FASSET LATE OF POMFRET IN THE COUNTY OF WINDHAM & STATE OF CONNECTICUT YEOMAN DECEASED TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED—

[Passed Dec. 28, 1779, Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 138; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 575.]

Whereas the said Anna has petition'd the General Court representing that in the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven the said Benjamin for himself & Adonijah Fasset of Winchester in the County of Cheshire in this State Yeoman & David Cady of Pomfret aforesaid Yeoman bought of one Benjamin Bird of Stoughton in the County of Suffolk & State of the Massachusetts bay four hundred & forty two Acres of Land situate in Winchester aforesaid & bounded as by the said Birds Deed to the said Benjamin dated the thirteenth Day of March the same Year 1777 & recorded in Lib E Fol 143 of the Records of said County of Cheshire appears—That the said Adonijah and David had agreed with the said Benjamin in his life time what Quantity & part of said Land each of them were to have & had advanced & paid him their respective proportions of the purchase sum accordingly—that the said Benjamin being suddenly called away into the War died there having never conveyed to the said Adonijah & David their respective parts of said Land as had been agreed between them—which was that the said Adonijah should have one hundred and five Acres thereof And the said David one half the Remainder of the Same—And praying that she may be enabled to make & execute to the said Adonijah & David their respective heirs & assigns good and Sufficient Deeds of their parts of said Land as aforesaid Which representation having been considered and appearing to be true & the Prayer of said Petition reasonable—

Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened That the said Anna Fasset be & she hereby is authorized & enabled to make & execute (in her said Capacity) good & valid Deeds to the said Adonijah & David their respective heirs & Assigns of the said Benjamin's Right & Title

(at the time of his death) to their respective parts & proportion of said Land according to said Agreement—And that the said parts be thereby as fully convey'd to them their heirs & Assigns respectively as if the said Benjamin in his lifetime had executed & delivered them such Deeds

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN PETER BARTER AND ELIZABETH HIS WIFE.

[Passed Dec. 28, 1779. Original Acts, vol. 7, p. 139; recorded Acts, vol. 3, p. 574.]

Whereas Elizabeth Barter of Portsmouth hath petitioned the General-Assembly for s^d State setting forth, That she had been married to one Peter Barter about twenty seven years—that for more than nineteen of the last years he had wholly forsaken, and neglected to support her, and the four children he had by her—and that during the short time he did live with her he used her unkindly and was false to her Bed—& praying therefore to be divorced from said Barter *a vinculo matrimonii*—and the facts alledged in said Petition, appearing to be true, and the Prayer thereof, reasonable—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, that the marriage-contract between the said Peter & Elizabeth be, and hereby is, dissolved—and that he be wholly released and discharged from the Bonds of Matrimony.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE LUCY SEAWARD WIFE OF JOSEPH SEAWARD OF PORTSMOUTH TO CONVEY A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND THEREIN MENTIONED FOR THE SUPPORT OF HERSELF AND CHILDREN.—

[Passed Jan. 1, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 1; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 173.]

Whereas Lucy Seaward Wife of Joseph Seaward late of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State afores^d Caulker hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth, That her husband more than four years past sailed from the Port of Piscataqua for the West Indies & London leaving her with five small children without scarcely any other means of support, but the fruits of her own Industry—That since his departure She had received no Intelligence or Supplies from him—And was reduced to the hard Alternative of Begging, starving or throwing herself with her helpless children upon the Town; Unless the General Assembly would enable her to sell a certain Piece of Land situate in Portsmouth, aforesaid belonging to her said husband at the time of his departure as afores^d containing thirty feet square more or less bounded as follows viz^t Northerly by a Lane, Easterly by Land of Woodbury Langdon Southerly and Westerly by land heretofore owned by John Seaward, now by Samuel Sherburne and Woodbury Langdon. Which Land with the appurtenances thereof the said Lucy prayed Leave to dispose of, for the Support of herself and children—The Substance of which said Petition being proved and the Prayer thereof appearing reasonable, Therefore Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the said Lucy Seaward be and hereby is empowered and enabled to sell and dispose of the same Land with the Buildings and appurtenances thereof at public Vendue for the purpose of Supporting herself and children aforesaid, and to make and execute a good, valid Deed thereof to the Purchaser or Purchasers with the usual covenants of Assurance therein, of all the Right Title and Interest which her said husband, Joseph Seaward now hath, or had In and to the same premises at the time of his sailing from the port of Piscataqua as aforesaid—Which deed so made & executed by her shall be effectual to convey the Right & Interest of the said Joseph Seaward to and in the same premises as aforesaid notwithstanding the Coverture of the said Lucy.

In the House of Representatives, January 1st 1780

Voted and Resolved that no Provisions of any kind, or live Stock, be allowed to be exported out of this State before the first day of May next without the Express Licence of the General Court or Committee of Safety, Unless Necessary Victualling of Ships & other Vessels Sailing out of this State.

Council Concurred same day.

[*Second Session, February 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29; March 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1780.*]

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT EMPOWERING NATHAN DANE TO SELL THE REAL ESTATE OF SAMUEL DANE DECEASED LYING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NEW BOSTON IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH IN THIS STATE, AND A GOOD AND SUFFICIENT DEED THEREOF TO MAKE AND EXECUTE ;

[Passed Feb. 17, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 2 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 1.]

Whereas a petition hath been prefered to this Legislature, by Abigail Dane, mother, Hannah Dane, widow, Daniel Dane brother, and others the relations of the said Samuel Dane, deceased, representing that the said Samuel Dane an inhabitant of Beverly in the County of Essex and State of the Massachusetts Bay, Anno Domini 1779 died seized of about one hundred and ninety acres of new and mostly unimproved lands, laying in the township of New Boston aforesaid ; and that the said Samuel left a widow and two minor daughters, to whom alone the same belongs, in indigent circumstances, and to whom the said land in its present state, burthened and uncultivated can afford no relief ; and praying that the said land may be appraised, and the administrator, or any other person, or persons may be appointed and impowered to sell and convey the same, and such security taken, and regard had to the real value of money as to make all estimations easy and practicable, and save the widow and children harmless ; Wherefore

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and it is hereby enacted, that the prayer of the said petition be granted, and that Benjamin Dodge, Jacob Dodge and William Clerk of New Boston aforesaid be appointed, directed and impowered, to appraise said land, and the appurtenances thereto belonging, and valuation thereof to make to the Judge of Probate for said County and reasonable satisfaction therefor from the said Nathan to receive.

And that the said Nathan one of the said petitioners be and he is hereby, appointed and impowered, according to said appraisement, to sell and convey, and to make and execute a good and sufficient deed of sale of the above mentioned premises,

which deed made and executed, shall be as good and valid in law, as if the same had been made and executed by the said Samuel in his life time, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding, he giving security to the said Judge of Probate, that the proceeds of the sale aforesaid, be applied in the following manner Viz First to deduct from the proceeds, and to the administrator of the Estate of the said Samuel deceased to pay and satisfy the equivalent of the deceased's debts, and his own necessary charges and expenses in and about the settlement of said Estate, which shall be ascertained on or before the tenth day of June next

Secondly. To deduct and pay one fourth part of the residue of the proceeds, to the widow of the said Samuel deceased, in full satisfaction of her whole dower in the premises, and in consideration she join in said sale.

Thirdly. the remainder to be and continue upon interest at six per Cent per annum to the use and benefit of the heirs of the said Samuel deceased for and during their minority, and for the security of all concerned, and that the real value and equivalent be made good and paid to said heirs whensoever they shall be of capacity in law to receive the same, the nominal sum so put upon interest shall be increased and decreased upon any and every payment thereof to be made, proportionably as the prices of the articles of beef, Indian Corn and molasses shall rise and fall, compared with the prices of the same articles at the time of said appraisement. And the interest of the same to be computed in the same manner and annually paid and applied in the following manner, viz. after deducting and paying to said Administrator the equivalent of the debts and charges on said Estate, which, after the said tenth day of June next shall remain unpaid; so much of the remainder thereof to the support of the heirs and family of the said Samuel deceased, as the law allows to lay out and apply; and the residue to receive to the use of said heirs, with the same regard to the real value thereof; rendering his reasonable account in the premises, subject to the inspection of the said Judge of Probate, regularly stated and attested to said heirs, on demand to be made at, or after their minority shall be Completed—And for regularly proceeding in the premises, it is enacted by the authority aforesaid That the said Judge of Probate, be and hereby is directed and empowered, said valuation to receive, and security of the said Nathan to take, at discretion, and in all matters relative to the premises to register order, do and execute, according to the true intent of this act, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
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AN ACT FOR APPOINTING A COMMITTEE TO SET OFF IN SEVERALTY TO OLIVER WHIPPLE ESQ^r ONE SEVENTH PART OF A CERTAIN MESSAGE & SITUATE IN PORTSMOUTH, LATE BELONGING TO WILLIAM JOHNSTON RYSAM OF PORTSMOUTH AN ABSENTEE—

[Passed Feb. 26, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 3; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 4.]

Whereas Oliver Whipple of Portsmouth Esq^r hath represented to the General Assembly of this State that he is a Tenant in Common in a certain Message &c (situate in said Portsmouth) with the said William Johnston Rysam an Absentee; and has prayed a Partition of said Message, and that His Share therein may be set off to him in Severalty, which at present (by reason of Difficulties) cannot be done by ordinary Course of Law

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, & by the Authority of the same that the Hon^{bl} Samuel Hale Esq^r George Gaines Esq^r and Nathaniel Adams Esq^r be a Committee to make Partition of said Message & Tenement late belonging to the said William Johnston Rysam, consisting of about two Acres of Land more or less, and that the said Committee in Writing under their hands (being duly sworn to the faithful Discharge of the Trust in them reposed) set off in severalty, by Meets and Bounds, to the said Oliver Whipple his Heirs and Assigns one Seventh Part of said Message and Tenement according to the Quantity and Quality thereof which said writing of Partition being returned into the Office for the Registry of Deeds, in the County of Rockingham and there recorded shall be held, deemed, and Adjudged, a good & sufficient Partition, and Severance to all Intents and Purposes, any Law Custom or Usage to the Contrary Notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR RECORDING GRANTS, LOCATIONS OR CHARTERS OF LANDS IN THIS STATE GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNORS THEREOF BENNING WENTWORTH ESQ^r AND JOHN WENTWORTH ESQ^r

[Passed March 4, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 4; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 6. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 201. See additional act of March 29, 1781.]

Whereas the records of all Grants, Locations & Charters of Lands Granted by Benning Wentworth Esq^r or John Wentworth Esq^r late Governors of this State have been carried away therefrom; and it appearing very probable that great Difficulties may arise for want of an Authentick record of such Grants &c—

Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and it is hereby Enacted that the Grantees, owners, or Possessors of all such Grants, Locations or Charters of Lands in this State under the hand and Seal of the Said Benning Wentworth or John Wentworth as Governours Aforesaid having been duly Authenticated in the usual manner and Dated before the Nineteenth day of April AD 1775 shall be brought into the Secretary's office of this State & there recorded.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that no Grant, Location, or Charter of any Lands in this State made and Executed by either of the Governors afores^d shall be taken used or Esteemed good in Law to hold any such Lands unless the Grant, Location or Charter of such Land be recorded as Aforesaid, or filed in the Secretary's office in order to be recorded within twelve Months from this time.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority Afores^d that the Secretary of this State for the time being shall fairly enter & Record at full length all Grants Locations and Charters of Lands in this State Granted as Aforesaid, together with the Plans or Draughts of such Lands thereto Annexed which shall be brought him to record. And on receipt thereof into his office shall note thereupon the day month & year when he received the same: And the record shall bear the same date, for which the Secretary shall be paid by the person, or persons bringing the same an adequate reward for his labour, & no more.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR THE BETTER PREVENTING CRIMINAL OFFENDERS
 FROM AVOIDING JUSTICE.

[Passed March 10, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 5; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 8. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 202; Perpetual Laws 1789 ed., p. 225. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas Criminal Offenders in order to avoid Justice frequently escape from One State to another & from one County to another within this State:—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority thereof That when any Criminal Offender or Offenders in any other of the United States shall make his or their Escape from Justice & come into this State, & any proper Process shall issue where he or they committed the Offence, and he or they shall be pursued & followed into this State, it shall be in the Power of any Justice of the Peace within this State, in His respective County, on Application to Him made, to issue his warrant against such Offender or Offenders, that they may be brought before him or some other Justice of the Peace of the same County to be examined thereon, & if he shall think proper on such Examination, he may and hereby is empowered to commit or by warrant under his hand & Seal directed to the Sheriff or his Deputy, or the Constables of the Several Towns, as may be necessary to send & convey, such Offender or Offenders to the Confines of this State & there deliver such Offender to some proper Officer in the next State, that such Offender may be convey'd to the place where the Offence is alledged to have been committed to be holden to answer for such Offence according to Law there. And where it shall be necessary such Offender be conveyed thro' several Counties in this State in order for his being returned to the Place where he offended as aforesaid every of the Justices of the Peace in their Respective Counties shall be, and they are hereby empowered by Warrant as aforesaid to order and direct the Conveyance of such Offender thro' their several Counties towards the Place where he offended—

And Be it further Enacted that when any Justice of the Peace in any County in this State shall issue his warrant against any criminal Offender for an Offence committed in such County, & the said Offender shall have escaped into any other County it shall be in the Power of any Justice of the Peace in such County where the Offender is, to proceed in the same Method in appre-

hending such Offender & sending him back for trial to the County where the Offence is said to have been committed as in the Case aforesaid when the Offender shall have come from another of the United States.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That when any Justice of the Peace Commissioned a Justice in every County of this State, or throughout this State shall issue his Warrant for the Apprehending a Criminal in a different County than where the Offence is said to be committed the said Warrant may be executed by the proper Officer to whom the same shall be directed in the same manner as a warrant in criminal Matters from the Clerk of any Court of general Sessions of the Peace in this State.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Sheriffs Undersheriffs Constables or other Officers of Justice in the neighbouring States with their Assistants in the execution of any Writ warrant or other Process issuing from, and returnable to, their Respective States may & shall have full Liberty Power and Authority to pass & repass and also to convey such Persons & Things as they have in their Custody by virtue of any writ or warrant as aforesaid, in or by any of the Roads or Ways lying, or leading through any of the Towns or lands of this State, in as full and ample a Manner, as the Officers of Justice of this State do use & exercise in the discharge of their duty & Office : And all Persons insulting & obstructing such Officers of Justice of the neighbouring States in the due execution of their Office as they are passing through any of the Roads or Lands of this State, shall be subject to the same pains & Penalties as are Provided for the Protection of the respective officers of Justice within this State.—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
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AN ACT FOR MAKING & ESTABLISHING A NEW PROPORTION OF THE PUBLIC TAXES AMONG THE SEVERAL TOWNS PARISHES & PLACES WITHIN THIS STATE, & TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO ISSUE HIS WARRANT, FOR THE LEVYING THE SAME ANNUALLY.

[Passed March 15, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 6; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 11. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 204.]

Whereas since the last Proportion for a State Tax there have been considerable Alterations in the Circumstances of the several Towns & Places mentioned in said Proportion, & many Places not mentioned therein are so improved that they ought to pay their Proportion of the public Taxes according to their Circumstances;

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted That the Proportion to every Thousand pound of the Public Taxes which each Town Parish and Place within said State shall annually pay, and for which the Treasurer is hereby authorized & directed to issue his Warrants shall be as follows to wit—

FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM—

Allenstown—thirty one shillings & Seven pence farthing	1	11	7	1
Atkinson, five pounds eighteen Shillings	5	18		
Bow—Sixty Seven shillings & nine pence	3	7	9	
Brintwood, twelve pounds five shillings five pence one farthing	12	5	5	1
Candia Eight pounds thirteen shillings	8	13	0	
Chichester, five pound sixteen Shill ^s & five pence	5	16	5	
Concord—Eleven pounds fifteen shill ^s & five pence	11	15	5	
Chester, Nineteen pounds fourteen Shill ^s Six pence farthing	19	14	6	1
Canterbury, Nine pounds sixteen shillings & a penny	9	16	1	
Deerfield, fourteen pounds one shilling & four pence	14	1	4	
Epping, Eighteen pounds four Shill ^s nine pence half penny	18	4	9	2

Epsom, four pounds nine shillings ten pence half-penny	4	9	10	2
Exeter, Seventeen pounds eight shillings & three pence	17	8	3	
Greenland, Seven pounds seventeen shillings five pence half penny	7	17	5	2
Hampstead, Seven pounds nine shillings & six pence	7	9	6	
Hampton, Eleven pounds twelve Shill ^s three pence farthing	11	12	3	1
Hampton falls, Seven pounds eleven shillings & five pence	7	11	5	
Hawke, five pounds six shillings seven pence	5	6	7	
Kensington, Ten pounds six shill ^s seven pence half penny	10	6	7	2
Kingston, Ten pounds six shillings & a penny	10	6	1	
east Kingston five pounds seven shillings & eleven pence	5	7	11	
Londonderry, twenty three pounds seventeen shill ^s ten pence farthing	23	17	10	1
Loudon, six pounds eight Shillings three pence	6	8	3	
Northwood, four pounds three Shill ^s nine pence farthing	4	3	9	1
North Hampton, Seven pounds nineteen shill ^s five pence farthing	7	19	5	1
Newington, Six pounds one shill ^s five pence one farthing	6	1	5	1
Newton, five pounds one shilling eleven pence one farthing	5	1	11	1
Nottingham, ten pounds four Shill ^s a penny farthing	10	4	1	1
Newmarket, ten pounds Seventeen shill ^s five pence farthing	10	17	5	1
Portsmouth, twenty nine pounds & Seven pence	29	0	7	
Plastow, five pounds eleven shill ^s seven pence farthing	5	11	7	1
Pelham, Eight pounds three shillings & three pence	8	3	3	
Poplin, Six pounds two shillings	6	2		
Pembroke, Eight pounds Six shill ^s nine pence farthing	8	6	9	1
Rye, Eight pounds two shill ^s nine pence halfpenny	8	2	9	2
Raymond, Seven pounds ten Shillings a penny half-penny	7	10	1	2
Sandown, Six pounds Six Shill ^s three pence	6	6	3	
Salem, ten pounds four Shillings Six pence farthing	10	4	6	1
Stratham, twelve pounds three pence halfpenny	12	0	3	2
Seabrook, five pounds eight shill ^s eleven pence	5	8	11	

South hampton, seven pounds two shillings four pence	7	2	4	
Windham, Six pounds four shillings seven pence farthing	6	4	7	1
New Castle thirty nine shillings & Six pence		1	19	6

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

Barnstead, three pounds nine shillings four pence halfpenny	3	9	4	2
Barrington, thirteen pounds five Shill ^s eight pence farthing	13	5	8	1
Campton, fifty Shillings eight pence farthing	2	10	8	1
Conway, Seventy Shill ^s eight pence farthing	3	10	8	1
Dover, eighteen pounds eight shill ^s ten pence farthing	18	8	10	1
Durham, twelve pounds fourteen shill ^s ten pence farthing	12	14	10	1
Gilmantown, eleven pounds seventeen shill ^s Six pence halfpenny	11	17	6	2
New Durham Gore three pounds eight shill ^s Six pence	3	8	6	
Ossipee Gore, twenty seven shillings three pence farthing	1	7	3	1
New Holderness, forty nine Shillings five pence farthing	2	9	5	1
New Hampton, forty seven shill ^s Six pence farthing	2	7	6	1
Effingham, twenty two shill ^s & a penny half penny	1	2	1	2
Lee, Nine pounds seventeen shill ^s penny farthing	9	17	1	1
Madbury, Six pounds three Shillings six pence three farthings	6	3	6	3
Middletown, fifty nine shill ^s & six pence farthing	2	19	6	1
Meredith, ninety four shillings & four pence	4	14	4	
Moultonborough, Eighty one shillings & ten pence	4	1	10	
New Durham, fifty eight shill ^s ten pence farthing	2	18	10	1
Rochester, Seventeen pounds two shill ^s seven pence halfpenny	17	2	7	2
Sandborntown, Seven pounds five shill ^s five pence farthing	7	5	5	1
Sandwich, ninety four shillings eight pence farthing	4	14	8	1
Somersworth, nine pounds two shillings four pence	9	2	4	
Tamworth, thirty eight shill ^s & five pence	1	18	5	
Tuftonborough, twenty one shillings & ten pence	1	1	10	
Wolfeborough, sixty nine shillings two pence farthing	3	9	2	
Wakefield, ninety eight shillings & ten pence	4	18	10	

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Amherst, Seventeen pounds ten shillings ten pence halfpenny	17	10	10	2
Antrim, thirty nine shillings ten pence half penny	1	19	10	2
Andover, fifty four shillings five pence farthing	2	14	5	1
Bedford, Six pounds seven shill ^s & eight pence	6	7	8	
Boscawen Six pounds fourteen shill ^s nine pence farthing	6	14	9	1
New Bradford, twelve shill ^s & seven pence one farth- ing	0	12	7	1
New Boston, Six pounds nineteen shillings ten pence	6	19	10	
Derryfield, fifty five shillings & a penny farthing	2	15	1	1
Dearing, Sixty six shillings & nine pence	3	6	9	
Duxbury, & Mile Slip twenty one shill ^s & three pence	1	1	3	
Dunbarton, five pounds twelve Shill ^s & a penny	5	12	1	
Dunstable, six pounds five Shill ^s penny half penny	6	5	1	2
Francestown, sixty five shill ^s & three pence farthing	3	5	3	1
Fishersfield, thirty eight Shill ^s nine pence halfpenny	1	18	9	2
Goffstown, seven pounds five Shill ^s two pence farth- ing	7	5	2	1
Henniker, ninety two shillings & eight pence	4	12	8	
Hillsborough, eighty five shillings	4	5	0	
Holles, fourteen pounds Sixteen shill ^s & Eight pence	14	16	8	
Hopkinton twelve pounds eight Shill ^s eight pence half penny	12	8	8	2
Hancock, twenty one shillings & a penny	1	1	1	
Litchfield Sixty five shillings & five pence	3	5	5	
Lyndeborough, seven pounds Seventeen shill ^s two pence half penny	7	17	2	2
New Ipswich, twelve pounds five shill ^s two pence halfpenny	12	5	2	2
New London, twenty Shillings seven pence	1	0	7	
Mason, Six pounds Six Shill ^s nine pence	6	6	9	
Merrimac, Six pounds three Shill ^s ten pence	6	3	10	
Nottingham west, Eight pounds seven pence	8	0	7	
Perrystown, thirty two shillings four pence	1	12	4	
Peterborough, Seven pounds one shill ^s five pence farthing	7	1	5	1
Peterborough Slip, twenty eight Shill ^s	1	8		
Raby, thirty four shillings & a penny	1	14	1	
Salisbury, Eight pounds five shillings	8	5		
Society Land, fifteen shillings nine pence	15	9		
Temple, five pounds seven shill ^s seven pence farth- ing	5	7	7	1

Weare, ten pounds nineteen Shillings	10	19	0
Warner, three pounds eleven pence	3	0	11
Wilton, eight pounds five shillings six pence	8	5	6

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Alstead, five pounds seven shill ^s nine pence three farthings	5	7	9	3
Ackworth, three pounds eleven pence three farthings	3	0	11	3
Charlestown, Eight pounds seventeen Shill ^s five pence farthing	8	17	5	1
Cornish, Six pounds six Shill ^s two pence farthing	6	6	2	1
Claremont, seven pounds fourteen Shill ^s five pence half penny	7	14	5	2
Croydon, fifty Six Shillings three pence farthing	2	16	3	1
Chesterfield, Eight pounds eleven shillings	8	11		
Dublin ninety two shill ^s eleven pence farthing	4	12	11	1
Fitz William ninety seven shill ^s seven pence half penny	4	17	7	2
Gilsom, forty nine shillings eleven pence	2	9	11	
Grantham, twenty two shillings eight pence farthing	1	2	8	1
Hinsdale, Sixty six shillings eleven pence	3	6	11	
Jaffrey, Six pounds ten shill ^s & Six pence	6	10	6	
Keene, ten pounds one Shill ^s eleven pence half penny	10	1	11	2
Lempster, fifty Six shill ^s nine pence farthing	2	16	9	1
Marlow, fifty Six Shill ^s nine pence, farthing	2	16	9	1
Marleborough, Eighty seven shill ^s Nine pence half penny	4	7	9	2
Newport, fifty Eight Shillings & halfpenny	2	18	0	2
Plainfield, Six pounds six Shillings two pence farthing	6	6	2	1
Packersfield, seventy five shill ^s eleven pence half penny	3	15	11	2
Protectworth, eighteen shillings eleven pence half penny	0	18	11	2
Rindge, Nine pounds sixteen shillings four pence three farthings	9	16	4	
Richmond, eight pounds nineteen shill ^s nine pence three farthings	8	19	9	3
Swanzy, Eight pounds one shilling	8	1		
Surry, fifty nine Shillings seven pence halfpenny	2	19	7	2
Saville, twenty Six Shill ^s nine pence halfpenny	1	6	9	2
Stoddard, Eighty four Shillings four pence three farthings	4	4	4	3
Unity, fifty six shillings nine pence farthing	2	16	9	1
Walpole, ten pounds three pence half penny	10	0	3	2

Westmorland, nine pounds ten shillings four pence farthing	9	10	4	1
Winchester, Eight pounds eleven shill ^s eight pence farthing	8	11	8	1
Washington, Sixty Eight Shillings ten pence half-penny	3	8	10	2

COUNTY OF GRAFTON

Alexandria thirty four shill ^s nine pence half penny	1	14	9	2
Apthorp fifteen shillings & two pence	0	15	2	
Bath fifty shillings & six pence	2	10	6	
Canaan thirty two shillings nine pence half penny	1	12	9	2
Cockermouth thirty four shill ^s & two pence	1	14	2	
Cockburn twelve shillings Seven pence farthing		12	7	1
Cardigan thirty one shill ^s Six pence farthing	1	11	6	1
Coleburn twelve shillings & seven pence farthing	0	12	7	1
Dorchester eighteen shill ^s three pence halfpenny		18	3	2
Grafton thirty one Shill ^s Six pence farthing	1	11	6	1
Gunthwaite forty four Shill ^s & two pence	2	4	2	
Haverhil ninety seven shill ^s & seven pence	4	17	7	
Hanover seven pounds seventeen shill ^s eight pence halfpenny	7	17	8	2
Lancaster fifteen shillings & seven pence		15	7	
Lebanon Six pounds six shill ^s & two pence	6	6	2	
Lyne ninety four shill ^s seven pence half penny	4	14	7	2
Lyman thirty one shill ^s six pence farthing	1	11	6	1
Landaff, eighteen shillings eleven pence		18	11	
Morristown twenty five shillings & two pence half-penny	1	5	2	2
Newchester forty five shillings two pence half penny	2	5	2	2
Northumberland eighteen shillings & six pence	0	18	6	
Orford eighty eight Shillings & four pence	4	8	4	
Plymouth five pounds & nine pence	5		9	
Piermont Sixty three shillings & a penny	3	3	1	
Relhan alias Enfield forty four Shillings & two pence	2	4	2	
Rumney fifty four Shillings six pence half penny	2	14	6	2
Stratford Sixteen Shillings nine pence farthing	0	16	9	1
Shelburne eighteen shillings eleven pence farthing	0	18	11	1
Thornton forty three Shillings five pence halfpenny	2	3	5	2
Warren eighteen shillings eleven pence farthing	18	11	1	
Wentworth eighteen shillings Five pence three farthings		18	5	3
Dartmouth twelve shillings seven pence halfpenny	12	7	2	
Tract of Land adjoining the easterly side of Haverhil & northerly side of Warren—fifteen shill ^s nine pence farthing	0	15	9	1

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Proportion shall be for all Public Taxes until a new Proportion shall be made & established, and that the Treasurer for the Time being issue his Warrants accordingly—

And Whereas Sundry of the aforementioned places are not incorporated & have no legal Authority to assess & collect the sums to be raised—

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Matthew Stanley Parker Esq^r & Simeon Dearborn Esq^r for the County of Strafford—M^r Abel Kimbal & Cap^t James McCalley for the County of Hillsborough Benjamin Giles & William Heywood Esquires for the County of Cheshire Cap^t Jeremiah Eames Col^l Joseph Senter & Col^l Charles Johnston for the County of Grafton are hereby severally appointed & authorized to call Meetings of the Inhabitants of all such Places (in their respective Counties) which are not incorporated, giving public notice thereof, by causing a Notification, setting forth, the Time Place & Occasion of such Meeting, to be posted up publickly in said Place fourteen Days at least before the time of holding such meeting, to chuse Selectmen & all such Officers as are necessary for assessing & collecting Public taxes which Meetings shall be holden in said Places respectively by the first Day of June next—And the Officers chosen at said Meetings shall be invested with all the Authority for the purpose aforesaid, as such Officers in towns incorporated, within this State, are by law invested with. And the Selectmen chosen at said Meeting shall call the Meeting of the Inhabitants of their respective Places to be held within the same, on the last Monday in March to chuse all the Officers necessary for the purpose aforesaid for the next Year & so on annually until a new Proportion for the Public Taxes shall be made & established. And the Officers so chosen shall be under oath for the faithful discharge of the Duty of their respective Offices, & shall have the same power & Authority in the same as the like Officers in Towns incorporated in said State are by law invested with & shall be liable to the same Penalties for neglect of their Duty as the like Officers in said incorporated Towns are by Law liable to. And the Inhabitants of all such Places are hereby indulged with one month longer before they pay their first State Tax, than those places which are incorporated.

And Whereas the several Towns & Places hereafter mentioned viz^t Tuftonborough Shelburne Cockburn Protectworth Dartmouth Morristown Coleburn New Bradford & the Tract of Land adjoining to the Easterly side of Haverhil & northerly side of Warren, which are mentioned in the foregoing Proportion are not inhabited or have so few Inhabitants as that they are incapable of chusing the officers aforesaid for assessing & collecting the said Taxes—

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid That the Treasurer for said State for the time being shall at the Time of

issuing his Warrants annually for the Public taxes give public notice in the New Hampshire Gazette, & in some one of the Boston News Papers of the Sum proportioned & to be paid by the Owners (collectively) of the lands in . . . Towns & Places, requiring that the same be paid into the Treasury by the same time that other Towns are to pay their said Taxes, & that if the same is not paid accordingly so much of their Lands will be sold as will pay said Tax with incidental charges—And if it is not paid by the time prescribed the Treasurer shall make Sale of so much of said Land at public Vendue as will pay the said Tax with incidental Charges, first Advertising the time & place of Sale in the Newspapers aforesaid three weeks successively.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
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AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF TWO MILLION ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY THOUSAND POUNDS LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE ENDS & USES HEREIN AFTER MENTIONED AND TO ENABLE THE RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING THE SAME.

[Passed March 15, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 7; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 20. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 211.]

Whereas it is necessary for the Support of the present War & for defraying the Charge of this State for the Current year that the Sum of Two Million one hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds should be raised one Million and Eighty Thousand pounds whereof for the use of the United States of America & the remaining one Million and Eighty Thousand pounds for the use of this State.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that there be & hereby is granted for the current year the Sum of Two Million one hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds Lawful Money, one Million and Eighty Thousand pounds whereof to be for the use of the United States of America and the remaining one Million and Eighty Thousand pounds for the use of this State which sum of Two Million one hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds shall be Assessed & levied on the Polls & rateable Estates within this State agreeable to the proportion of Taxes for the Several Towns & places in this State made and passed at this Session of the General Assembly. to be collected and paid at the times & in the manner following. Viz Seven hundred and Twenty

Thousand pounds thereof to be collected & paid on or before the first day of June next. Three hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds thereof to be collected and paid on or before the first day of August next. Seven hundred and Twenty Thousand pounds thereof to be collected and paid on or before the first day of October next. And the remaining Three hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds thereof to be collected and paid on or before the fifteenth day of December next. The whole to be paid in Bills Emitted by the Congress of the united States, or Bills Emitted by this State or notes Emitted by the Treasurer for paying Soldiers bounties And the Receiver General is hereby directed & required forthwith to issue his warrants for Collecting & paying the said Sum of Two Million, one hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds in the manner before directed. And the Selectmen of the Several Towns & Places within this State Are hereby required forthwith to Assess the rateable Polls and Estates within their respective Towns & Places their proportion of the said Two Million, one hundred and Sixty Thousand pounds & cause the same to be paid in manner aforesaid. Making the said Tax in Seperate Columns, for each payment ; & to issue their Warrants accordingly. And in Making said Taxes they shall Govern themselves by the Inventories taken in December last & returned to the General Assembly, with respect to all un-improved Lands and Buildings, and Land of Non-Residents ; except where any Town or place hath been Doomed or lessened by the General Assembly for any or either of said Articles, in which case they may add or deduct on Such Articles in just proportion so much as the said Deduction or Doomage Amounted to.

Provided also that the Taxes of the Lands of non-resident Proprietors (being unimproved) Shall be made in a Single Column, And that the Collectors shall not distrain for the same till after the said first day of October next. And that the said Lands of Non Resident Proprietors unimproved shall not be Taxed to any other Taxes but the Continental Tax State Tax, War Tax, and County Tax.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPRAISEMENT & SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS IN TEMPLE & WILTON LATELY BELONGING TO STEPHEN HOLLAND ESQ^r AN ABSENTEE FROM THIS STATE

[Passed March 16, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 8; recorded Acts, vol. 4 p. 23.]

Whereas Jacob Abbot of Wilton Esq^r and Francis Blood of Temple Esq^r both in the County of Hillsborough have petitioned the General Court representing that the said Holland with the Said Abbot owned three Lots of land lying in said Wilton which were drawn to the Right of Jotham Odiorne late of Portsmouth Esq^r deceased. That the said Holland & Blood owned three lots of Land in Temple which were drawn to the Right of the said Odiorne—That to the Said Holland belonged one Eighth & one third of one Eighth of each Lot according to Quantity & Quality & the Residue to the Said Abbot & Blood respectively That by a late Act of the general Court Sam^l Folsom Esq^r is appointed Agent for this State to make Partition of the said Lands with them—that the Situation of the said Lots is such that if Partition is made, the parts belonging to the State (to which said Hollands Estate is declared forfeited) will be in very small pieces and of little Value—that considering the Expence of a Partition the Cost of Advertising & selling the States part when severed at Vendue.—they apprehend it would be for the interest of the State if the undivided part of the said Holland in said Lots should be appraised by judicious persons & sold according to such Appraisement—And therefore praying that meet persons might be Appointed to appraise the same & Some person Appointed & Authorized to convey the same to them respectively upon their paying for the same according to such Appraisement with incidental charges—Which appearing reasonable & for the Interest of the State—therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That Moses Nichol Esq^r and M^r Amos Dakin be and hereby are appointed a Committee to make a just & Impartial Appraisement of the said Hollands part of the said Lots in Wilton & they are directed to make Return of their doings herein upon Oath to their fidelity & Impartiality—unto Captain Josiah Crosby,—who is hereby Authorized to sell & convey the said undivided parts of said Lots to the said Jacob Abbot & to make & execute a good Deed or Deeds thereof to him his heirs & Assigns upon his paying the

Sum at which the same shall be Appraised with all the Costs relative to said Appraisalment and Conveyance—& that such Deed so executed shall make him a good Title to said Hollands Right in the said Lots And that the same Committee likewise appraise the said Undivided Part of the Said Lots in Temple & make Return of their doings as aforesaid to the said Josiah Crosby—who is hereby authorized to sell & convey the same to the said Blood & to make and execute a good Deed thereof to him his heirs & Assigns upon his paying the sum at which the Same shall be appraised with the Costs of said Appraisalment & Conveyance—and That such Deed so executed shall make him the said Blood a good Title to said Hollands Right in the said Lots. Any Act or Law of this State to the contrary notwithstanding—

And Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Monies arising from the Sale of said lands shall be paid into the public Treasury as soon as may be.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING TWO CERTAIN ACTS OF THIS STATE VIZ^t ONE PASSED NOV^r THE TWENTY NINTH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SEVEN ENTITLED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES AND TAXES AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN AND PARISH AFFAIRS PASSED THE SECOND DAY OF JULY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX" AND AN ACT PASSED MAY THE TWENTY THIRD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY EIGHT ENTITLED "AN ACT ALTERING THE MODE OF COLLECTING TAXES PRESCRIBED IN AN ACT INTITLED AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES AND TAXES AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN AFFAIRS PASSED THE SECOND DAY OF JULY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX AND ALSO FOR ALTERING AND AMENDING THE SAID ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN EQUITABLE METHOD OF MAKING RATES & TAXES AND DETERMINING WHO SHALL BE LEGAL VOTERS IN TOWN AND PARISH AFFAIRS"—

[Passed March 16, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8. p.9; recorded Acts, vol. 4. p. 30. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 215. Repealed June 12, 1784. Brown v. Dinsmore, 3 N. H. 107.]

Whereas the two additional Acts before mentioned have proved by experience not to have answered the good and valuable purposes for which they were made, which makes the repealing said Acts and some other Provision for the purpose therein intended necessary—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that the said two additional Acts be and hereby are repealed—Provided Nevertheless that all Taxes legally Assessed by Virtue of the aforementioned Acts shall & may be Collected as therein prescribed the Repeal Notwithstanding—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid—that all Buildings & unimproved Lands owned by Residents in this State shall be Estimated at the Rate of half of one Per Cent on their Value as Money was in the Year One thousand Seven Hundred &

Seventy four agreeable to the Returns made to the General Court in January One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty respect being had to the Doomage and Deductions then made by said Court & untill a New Proportion shall be made & shall accordingly be assessed to all Public Taxes to which improved Lands are subjected in their respective Towns—

And whereas it is just & Necessary that public Taxes should be duly proportioned and that all unimproved Lands laying in the several Towns and places within this State should be subjected to bear a part of said Expence adequate to their Value—

Be it therefore hereby further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it may & shall be lawful for the Selectmen of the several Towns & Places within this State to Assess all unimproved Lands owned by Non Residents in their respective Towns and Places, their just proportion of the Taxes and Charges following viz^t—The Continental State and County taxes, and the Charges of hiring Soldiers to enlist in the Service of this State or of the United States, and also for defraying the expence of supporting the Wives & Families of the Non-commissioned Officers & Soldiers belonging to this State, as is directed in & by a Resolve of the General Court, which Assessment shall be made by the said Selectmen annually at the Times of Assessing the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of their respective Towns and places, estimating the said Lands in the same Manner as is directed for Buildings & unimproved Lands owned by the Residents in this Act—

And whereas the mode of Collecting the Taxes so assessed on the Lands of Nonresidents, should be made as plain & as little expensive as possible—

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in all Towns & Places where the Owners of any such Lands are not Resident therein and are known They shall be assessed for the Taxes aforesaid in proportion to their Interest—And in Case the Owners of such Lands are unknown then the same Lands shall be Assessed in the Name of the Original Proprietor or owner thereof, and each Lot & undivided Land belonging to such Proprietors or Owners Share shall be set down separately in the List of Rates & Taxes—And the said Assessment being made as aforesaid & the same being delivered to the Constable or Collector of the Town or Place wherein the same Lands lie the said Constable or Collector shall forthwith forward to some one Person Residing in Exeter to be appointed by the General Court for the purpose of receiving the same a Copy attested by the Assessors or Selectmen of the List of Taxes laid on the unimproved Lands of Nonresidents within his Town or Place viz^t the Owners Name where known & where unknown the Name or the Original Proprietor or Owner, together with the Number of the Lots, quantity of Land & the several Sums at which the said Lands shall be assessed viz^t The Continental, State, War & County Taxes, in separate Columns—And the said Person so

appointed at Exeter aforesaid shall immediately publish a Notification three Weeks successively in the New Hampshire Gazette, and also in one of the Boston News Papers, thereby informing all Persons concerned that he has received said List & requiring each Owner or Proprietor to pay his Tax to him, or the Constable or Collector of the Town or place wherein the Lands lie, within eight Weeks, notifying also that in default thereof so much of the Lands of each delinquent Proprietor or Owner will at the end of said eight Weeks be advertised for Sale as will pay said Taxes & all legal Charges, & the said Person so appointed at Exeter aforesaid is hereby authorized to receive the same, & the Sum of five per Cent for his trouble for all Sums by him so collected And at the expiration of said eight Weeks he shall as soon as may be return said List to the Constable or Collector from whom he received it specifying who have paid their Taxes & who are delinquent, and at the same time forward to said Constable or Collector the Money he hath collected belonging to said Town or Place for the War & County Taxes, and the residue thereof pay to the Treasurer of this State for the use thereof, taking the Treasurer's receipt therefor in behalf of the said Town or Place—After which the said Constable or Collector shall advertize so much of the Delinquent Proprietors or Owners Land for Sale as will pay said Taxes with incidental Charges, giving three Weeks notice of such Sale at least by publishing the same in the New Hampshire Gazette aforesaid and also by posting the same up for the term aforesaid in some public Place in the Town or place wherein the Lands advertized for sale lie, & in the two adjacent Towns—And in case the said Delinquent Proprietor or Owner shall neglect to pay the aforesaid Taxes laid on his or their Lands with the incidental Charges to the said Constable or Collector before the Sale, then the said Constable or Collector shall on the Day appointed proceed to make Sale at public Auction of so much of the Delinquents Lands as will pay said Taxes & the reasonable incidental Charges provided the said Sale be made between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the forenoon & Six of the Clock in the Afternoon—And the said Constable or Collector is hereby Authorized to execute a valid Conveyance thereof to the Purchaser—Provided nevertheless & be it further enacted that each Non-resident aforesaid his Heirs or Assigns shall have the liberty of redeeming any of his Lands sold as aforesaid at any Time within the Term of two Months after the Sale thereof as aforesaid paying to the Purchaser a Sum amounting to the real Value for which the same was sold, the Interest therefor until the time of payment and all reasonable Charges—And that all Persons actually engaged in the War in the Service of the United States of America or in Captivity being out of the State their Heirs or Assigns shall have the like Liberty of redeeming any of their Lands sold as aforesaid at any Time within the Term of Six Months after the said impediment shall be removed they paying the Sum Interest & Charges as

aforesaid—And whereas it often happens that more than one Person is interested in a right or Proprietors Share of Land or some one Lot, part of such Share held in Common & undivided, & one or more being Owner or Owners in such Land shall pay his or her or their proportion of Taxes according to their Interest & some other Owner or Owners in the same Lands, being delinquent in paying their proportion of such Taxes, shall Occasion some part of such Lands to be sold for the unpaid Taxes—Wherefor be it enacted, that all Land sold in such Cases shall be deemed judged & taken as part of the Interest or Share of the Delinquents, according to the Quantity & Quality of the whole—

And be it further enacted by the Authority afores^d that all appropriated tracts of Land either Towns or Locations lying within this State not mentioned in the Proportion Act shall be taxed for this present Year at the Rate of One shilling & sixpence Per Acre being an Averaged proportion to all other unimproved Lands taxed within this State (said Lands being subjected to the Continental & State taxes only) And the Treasurer for said State for the Time being shall, at the Time of issuing his Warrant Annually for the public Taxes give public Notice in the New Hampshire Gazette & in some one of the Boston Newspapers of the Tax laid on said Lands (which shall be proportioned by the General Court Annually as near as may be to the Sum ordered to be raised agreeable to the supply Bill for the then Current Year) requiring the owners of said Lands to pay the same into the Treasury of said State at the same Time that other Non-Resident proprietors are ordered to pay their respective Taxes, & if the same is not paid accordingly so much of their Lands will be sold as will pay said Tax with incidental Charges—And if said Tax shall not be paid by the Time prescribed the Treasurer shall & hereby is empowered to sell so much of said Delinquents Land at public Vendue as will pay the said Tax with incidental Charges—first advertizing the Time & Place in the News Papers aforesaid three Weeks successively—And upon the Sale of any such Lands to make a valid Conveyance thereof to the Purchaser, saving to the Owner the right of Redemption as heretofore prescribed to other Nonresidents in this Act—

And Whereas it is become necessary the Same alterations & amendments should be made in the Act beforementioned entitled “An Act to establish an equitable Method of making Rates & Taxes and determining who shall be legal Voters in Town and Parish Affairs”—

Be it therefore hereby further enacted that all Male Polls in said Act mentioned shall be estimated at ten shillings each—Stock in trade at six pence in every Hundred Pounds—Monies in hand or at Interest not in the Public Funds at three pence in every Hundred Pounds—And that all Monies at Interest in the Public Funds

shall be free from Taxation anything in the Act last mention'd to the Contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF THE BALLANCES, THAT MAY APPEAR TO BE DUE, BY VIRTUE OF THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TWENTY SIXTH OF MARCH, AND THE FOURTEENTH OF DECEMBER, ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NINE, TO THIS STATE'S QUOTA OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY, AGREEABLE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS.

[Passed March 16, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 10; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 26. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 212.]

Whereas it is necessary immediately to make provision, to enable the Treasurer of this State, to give security for the payment of the several Ballances, which may be found due to the Officers & Soldiers belonging to this State's Quota of the Continental Army on the first of January last.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same, that the Treasurer of this State be, and he is hereby directed on the credit thereof, to issue his Notes for the payment of the Ballances, which shall appear were on the first day of January last, due to each Officer and Soldier belonging to this State's Quota of the Continental Army (on receiving a Warrant from the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of Safety of this State) in the manner & form following viz^t

{ *State of* } (N^o)
{ *New Hampshire* } The first day of January 1780—

In behalf of the State of New-Hampshire I the subscriber, do hereby promise & oblige myself & Successors, in the Office of Treasurer of this State to pay unto or his order the Sum of on or before the day of December 178 with Interest at the rate of six per Cent. per Annum, both Principal and Interest to be paid in the then current money of this State in a greater or less Sum to be computed as the then current prices of Indian Corn, Grass fed Beef, and Sole-Leather shall bear to Indian Corn at four shillings per bushel, Grass-fed Beef, at three pence per pound, and Sole-Leather at one shilling & six pence per pound, being the prices affixed to them by a Law of this

State, made in the year of our Lord, one thousand seven hundred & seventy seven, entitled an Act for regulating the prices of sundry Articles therein enumerated

} Com^{ee}

Witness my hand

Treasurer.

Which Form shall be printed on good paper to be procured by the Treasurer with a suitable border round the same, and when the Notes are issued, a Counterpart indented of each Note shall be kept by the Treasurer.

And be it further enacted that John Taylor Gilman, and Noah Emery be a Committee to sign blank Notes in the form prescribed at the left hand and to number them before they are filled up by the Treasurer.

And be it further enacted, that the Treasurer be, and hereby is directed, to issue to each of the said Officers and Soldiers in favor of whom a Warrant shall be drawn by the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of Safety for their respective ballances, Two Notes (in the form aforesaid) of equal sums as near as may be, the whole containing the ballance due to them respectively, one of which shall be payable the first day of December next, and the other the last day of December, which will be in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty one—And the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of Safety is hereby impowered & requested, to issue his Warrants in favor of the said Officers & Soldiers, upon its being certified to them by the Committee by this Court, to be appointed to adjust the Accounts of the said Officers & Soldiers what is the Ballance due to each of them respectively, provided it shall appear by a return made, by a General Officer, or a Commanding Officer of a Regiment, that any such Field, Staff, or Commissioned Officer belongs to this State's Quota of the Continental Army, and that such Noncommissioned Officer and private Soldier hath enlisted and been mustered as one of this State's Quota of the Continental Army for the Term of three years or during the War, such return, specifying to what Company and Regiment or Corps they belong—

And the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of Safety for the time being, are also hereby impowered and requested, and the Treasurer is hereby impowered & directed to proceed in the same manner and form mutatis mutandis with respect to the Executors Administrators or Heirs at Law of such Officers and Soldiers who were engaged for three years, or during the War, as part of this State's Quota of the Continental Army, and who have died or been slain in the Service upon similar Certificates being produced.—

And be it further enacted that the Committee of Safety, for the time being, or the Major part of them, are hereby impowered &

directed to Compute & determine what are the Current prices of the said three Articles of Indian Corn, Grass fed Beef and Sole-Leather upon an Average through this State, at the times of payments of the aforesaid Notes herein mentioned, and also what is the value of every Pound of said Notes in the then Current money of this State, and shall certify the same to the Treasurer: and the Treasurer is hereupon directed to pay the value of said Notes, and the Interest thereon, remaining unpaid as they become due accordingly—

And to the intent that the Current prices of the said three Articles of Indian Corn, Grass fed Beef and Sole-Leather at the times of payment herein mentioned may be more easily ascertained, and in order that a just and equitable Settlement may be annually made with this State's Quota of the Continental Army in future for their future Services—

Be it further enacted, that John Calfe Esq: for the County of Rockingham, John Burnam Hanson Esq for the County of Strafford, the Hon^{ble} Jacob Abbott Esq for the County of Hillsborough, William Heywood Esq for the County of Cheshire and Charles Johnston Esq for the County of Grafton, be and hereby are severally appointed to Collect, and keep a true Account, according to the best of their judgment, of the prices of each of the aforesaid Articles in their respective Counties monthly upon an Average of the whole month for every succeeding month, untill the aforesaid last day of December Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty one from the first day of January in the present year, and they shall make a true report of the same, into the Secretary's Office upon the third Wednesday in November next and also on the third Wednesday of December Anno Domini one thousand, seven hundred and eighty one, which return shall be under Oath certified by a Justice of the Peace for the same County

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE GEORGE KEZAR TO REVIEW AN ACTION OF ENTRY ON DISSEISIN AGAINST RICHARD MALONY

[Passed March 17, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 11; recorded Acts, vol. 4 p. 43.]

Whereas George Kezar of Parsonstown in the County of York and State of the Massachusetts Bay Husbandman hath petitioned the General Court of this State Setting forth that John Malony

of Canterbury in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire yeoman, brought an Action of Entry on Disseisin in the name of Richard Malony of Lengborough in the County of Clare in the Kingdom of Ireland Gentleman against the said George Kezar and Aaron Sarjent to the Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Portsmouth within & for the late Province of New Hampshire on the first thursday next following the Second Tuesday of December A D 1770 in which the Said Richard Malony demanded against the said George and Aaron the Possession of Eighty Acres of land in Canterbury aforesaid being two forty Acre Lots with y^e appertenances One numbered one hundred and twenty three and the other one hundred and twenty four laid out to the original Rights of Robert Huckins & Richard Blanchard the Bounds whereof are particularly described in the said Writ— That the said George Kezar being sole Tenant of the freehold of said Lands was admitted by the Court to take the entire defence of said Action upon himself and thereupon vouched to warranty the same Lands Josiah Miles who freely warranted the same. Afterwards Samuel Moore of Canterbury afores^d Gentleman and Francis Drew of Durham in the County of Strafford and State afores^d Yeoman Warrentors of the same lands came into Court and were admitted to take the defence of said Suit upon themselves. At the Inferior Court aforesaid Judgment was rendered for the said Richard Malony, from which the said Moore and Drew appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature where Judgment was given for the Said Richard Malony to recover Possession of the premises sued for and Cost of Courts—Afterwards the said Moore and Drew brought a Writ of Review to reverse the last Judgment and while the same was pending they both died. Wherefore the said Kezar prayed that he might be enabled to review the Same Action in his own Name against the said Richard Malony. And after a full hearing of the parties on the said Petition and considering the Substance thereof it appears just that the prayer ought to be granted Therefore Be it & it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the Said George Kezar be and hereby is impowered to bring and prosecute in his Name an Action of Review of the said action of Entry on Disseisin, against the said Richard Malony through the course of the Law—which Action of Review the said Kezar may so bring and prosecute at the Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Portsmouth within and for the said County of Rockingham on the third Tuesday of May next by Adjournment or at any Term of the same Court within three years from the passing this Act And that the said Kezar his Heirs Executors & Administrators shall be and hereby are entitled to the same Remedy in Law for recovering damages against his Warrantors as though the s^d

Action of Review had been prosecuted in the Names of the said Moore and Drew or of their Heirs against the s^d Richard Malony.

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AN ACT INTITULED AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED AN ACT TO CONFISCATE THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY PERSONS THEREIN NAMED PASSED IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY NINE.

[Passed March 18, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 12; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 39. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 219. See act of Nov. 28, 1778. The act repealed is dated June 26, 1779.]

Whereas the Said Act is in Sundry Respects found insufficient to answer the purposes Intended

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the Same that the Said Act be & hereby is Repealed & made null & void. provided nevertheless that all & Every Act matter & thing which has hitherto been done in Consequence of Said Act shall be Deemed Legal & valid.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR FORMING & REGULATING THE MILITIA WITHIN THIS STATE, AND FOR REPEALING ALL THE LAWS HERETOFORE MADE FOR THAT PURPOSE—

[Passed March 18, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 13; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 46. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 224. Potter "Military History of New Hampshire," (1869) p. 370.]

Whereas it is the Duty and Interest of Every State to have the Militia thereof properly Armed Trained and in Compleat Readiness to Defend against Every violence or Invasion whatever: And whereas the Laws now in force respecting the Regulation of the Militia are Insufficient for those purposes—

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the

Same; That the Several Laws, Clauses, and Paragraphs of Laws, Relative to Regulating the Militia be & hereby are repealed & Declared null & void—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Training Band So Called Shall Consist of all the able Bodied Male Persons within the State from Sixteen years old to Fifty; (Excepting Members of the American Congress, Members of the Council & of the House of Representatives for the time being, Secretary of the State, all Civil officers Students of Colleges Ministers of the Gospel Elders and Deacons of Churches, Church wardens, Grammar Schoolmasters, Masters of Arts People Denominated Quakers Select men for the time being, all Commissioned officers; Persons Employed as Masters of vessels of more than thirty Tons Burthen other than Fishing vessels and vessels Coasting to & from this to the other American States, Constables, Sheriffs Deputy Sheriffs, Negroes Indians & Molattoes; also all Such Physicians Surgeons Ferrymen and Millers as the Select-men in the Several Towns where they Reside may think proper to Excuse & Furnish with a Certificate that they ought to be Excused from Common and ordinary Trainings:) And the Legislature of this State may from Time to Time as may appear necessary Divide the Militia into Such Regiments Brigades and Divisions as they may think proper, & Subdivide Said Corps when they may find it necessary.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That There Shall be Chosen by Ballot of the Council and House of Representatives from time to time as may be necessary one Major General over the whole Militia thereof; who when Chosen Shall be Commissionated by the President of the Council; And Said General Shall at all times have Power to Draw forth the Militia or any part thereof as he may Judge Expedient & Necessary for the immediate defence of this or any other of the united States of America: Provided Nevertheless that he Shall not march any part of the Militia without the Limits of this State unless he receives orders for that purpose from the General Court or in its Recess from the Committee of Safety for the State: all officers and Soldiers of the militia are to pay Intire obedience to the orders & Commands of the Said Major General unless Such Commands Shall Militate with orders they may have received from the Legislature of the State to which authority he and all other officers Shall at all times be Subject.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that there shall be appointed by the Council and House of Representatives Such and So many Brigadier Generals as may from time to time be found necessary for Commanding the Several Brigades; As also one Colonel one Lieut Colonel and two majors to Each Regiment: said Brigadiers and Field officers are Likewise to be Commissionated by the President of the Council; and the Said

Field officers so appointed and Commissionated or the Major part of them, shall forthwith Divide their Respective Regiments into Companies Consisting as nearly as may be of Sixty Eight privates ; and are to Determine the Rank of Each Company.—

And in order to prevent as much as possible The Inconveniences which may arise from Incorporating the Soldiers of Different Towns into one and the Same Company Be it further Enacted, That Each Town which can furnish Thirty two privates and the proper Number of Commissioned and non Commissioned officers Shall be Intituled to form one Company ; Such Towns as have Ninety Six privates Exclusive of necessary officers Shall form two Companies of Forty Eight Privates Each & when the Numbers are Increased to one hundred and Eighty four they are to form two Companies of Sixty Eight, & one of Forty Eight Privates ; & So on from time to time, making Sixty Eight the full proportion of privates for a Company, and forty Eight the additional number for Dividing it & forming a new one. and in all Towns which have Several Companies if after forming Some Companies of Sixty Eight Privates there Shall remain a Surplus of Less than forty Eight they Shall be Divided among the other Companies as the Field officers shall think proper & if they amount to forty Eight privates Exclusive of the necessary number for officers, they Shall be formed into a Seperate Company : And where any Town has Less than Thirty Two privates & a proper number for officers they shall be Joined to Such other Corps As the field officers may think proper untill they amount to that number, when they are to be formed into a Seperate Company : And all able Bodied Soldiers belonging to Places not Incorporated are to be annexed to Such Companies as the field officers Shall Direct : and the field officers of the Respective Regiments Shall have power from time to time to Alter Divide and arrange the Companies in their Regiments agreable to the Rules aforesaid.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority afores^d that The Field officers or the Major part of them Shall as Soon as may be after receiving their Commissions arrange the Companies in their respective Regiments, & make return of the number of men in Each, with the Names of Such persons as the Said Companys respectively may agree upon for a Captain two Lieutenants and an Ensign over Each Company into the Secretarys office : (one of the field Officers Notifying their Meeting & Presiding as Moderator) and the President of the Council is hereby Impowered to make out Commissions for the officers so nominated ; and the Field officers Shall nominate and agree upon an adjutant and Quarter Master from The Subaltern officers and the Colonel or Commanding officer Shall make out warrants appointing them to Act in that Capacity

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Each Captain or Commanding officer of a Company Shall as Soon as

may be after receiving his Commission call his Company together for the purpose of Chusing four Serjeants & four Corporals The Eldest of The Serjeants is to Act as Clerk to Said Company : and the officers are to provide a Drummer & Fifer for Each Company

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all male persons under Seventy years of age & Capable of Bearing Arms who are Exempted by the first Section of this Act from Common and ordinary Trainings and are not Included in that part of the Militia called the Training Band, Shall Constitute an alarm List (Excepting only members of the General Congress, of the Councill & House of Representatives Secretaries Ministers of the Gospel, people Called Quakers having a Certificate from the Clerk of their Society, Ferry Men, Millers, Indians Negroes & Molattoes :) and Shall be in all respects Equipped with Arms & Accoutrements as by this Act is Directed for those of the Training Band : And Those of the Alarm List Shall by the Respective Brigadiers be Devided as Soon as Convenient into Companies as near as may be to Seventy two rank & File or Sixty Eight privates ; not Less in any Case than forty Eight privates, or Exceeding Ninety Six ; which Companies So Devided & formed shall be Commanded by a Captain holding the Rank of Colonel, a Lieu^t holding the Rank of Lien^t Col^o, & an Ensign holding the Rank of Major ; and are to be Commissioned by the President of the Council upon the nomination and Recommendation of the Major part of their respective Companies, the Brigadier in whose District they are or Such field officers as he shall order being present & Presiding at Said Choice or Nomination : and are to proceed to the Choice of non Commissioned officers in the Same manner as Companies in the Training Band : Each Company is to be provided with one Drummer & one Fifer.

And be it further Enacted that the Commanding officer of Each alarm Company Shall once in Every Six months call his Company together and Examine their Arms & Accoutrements & Every Deficiency of Arms or Accoutrement neglect of Duty or Disobedience of orders in any of the persons which Compose the Alarm List Shall be punished in the Same manner as by this Act is provided against those of the Training Band—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Every non Commissioned officer & Soldier both in the alarm List & Training Band Shall be provided and have Constantly in readiness a good Musquet and a Bayonet fitted thereto with a good Scabbard & Belt a worm Priming wire & Brush, a Cartridge Box that will hold at Least twenty four Rounds Six Flints a Pound of powder Forty Leaden Balls fitted to his Gun, a Knapsack a Blanket & a Canteen that will hold one Quart—Such of The Training Band as are under the Care of Parents masters or Guardians are to be furnished by them with Such Arms & Accoutrements : and Such of the Training Band or alarm List, as may be

unable to furnish themselves Shall make application to the Select Men of the Town who are to Certify to his Captain or Commanding officer that he is unable to Equip himself, and the Said Select men Shall at the Expence of the Town provide for & furnish Such person with Arms & Equipments, which Arms & Equipments Shall be the property of the Town at whose Expence they were provided; and if any person So furnished Shall Embezzle or wilfully Destroy the Same he Shall be punished by any Court proper to try the Same upon Complaint made by the Select men of Said Town by being publickly whipped not Exceeding twenty Stripes, and the Selectmen of Each & Every Town Shall provide one Twentieth part as many spades or Iron Shovels with Handles as there are Rateable Polls in Said Town, and an Equal number of Pick axes, narrow axes, & Hoes; one third of Each kinds, & Deposit the Same in Some Safe place for the use of the Militia upon an Alarm, the Expence of which is to be born by the Town— and the Select men of Each Town are to provide at the Cost and Charge of Said Town one Drum & one fife for the use of Each Company belonging to Said Town, and are hereby Impowered to Tax the Polls & Estates of the Inhabitants of their Respective Towns to Defray the Expence which they may be Compelled in Consequence of this Act to Lay out.—

And be it further Enacted That all Captains & Subalterns be furnished with a half pike, an Espontoon or a Fusee and Bayonet; and also with a Sword or Hanger: & that they provide themselves with those arms within one month after receiving their Commissions under penalty of being Cashiered by Sentence of a Court Martial.

And That The True State of the Military force may be known and ascertained Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Several Captains & Commanding officers of Companies in the militia of this State Shall Cause True & Accurate returns of their Companies to be made to the Col^o or officer Commanding the Regiment to which they belong at or before the first Day of April, & the first Day of October Every Year; and Said Col^o or Commanding officer is to Cause a proper return of his Regiment to be made to his Brigadier by the fifteenth Days of april & October Annually, & the Brigadiers are by the first Days of May & November Every year to make a proper Return of their Brigades to the Major General Commanding the Militia of the State; and the Said Major General is by the fifteenth Day of May and the 15th Day of November Annually to Lodge a Return of the whole Militia in the State with the Secretary, that the General assembly may from time to time be able to ascertain the military force of the State

And be it further Enacted by the authority afors^d That the alarm & Independent Companies Shall make their returns to the Brigadier within whose District they may fall in the Same manner

as is Directed for the other Corps ; and that the officers & Soldiers of Independant Companies Shall be Armed & Accoutered in the Same manner as in this Act is provided for officers and Soldiers of the Training Band & alarm List.—and all Companies of the Training Band & alarm List Shall in time of Action upon an alarm or on a Field Day receive their orders from the Brigadier or officer Commanding the Brigade to which they are annexed unless the Major General being present may think proper to Countermand Such orders—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Each Captain or Commanding officer Shall Call his Company together four times Every year to Examine their Arms & Accoutrements, & to Instruct them in the necessary Exercises, & Maneuvres, and Each Colonel or Commanding officer of a Regiment shall Call his Regiment together once Every Year if ordered by his Superior Officers for the Same purpose. & Each Captain or Commanding officer of a Company who shall neglect to call his Company together as aforesaid Shall for Each neglect pay a fine of two hundred & fifty pounds and Each Colonel or Commanding officer of a Regiment who Shall neglect to Call his Regiment together once a year as aforesaid Shall pay a fine of Seven hundred Pounds for Each offence—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if any Commanding officer Shall Neglect or refuse to Call his Regiment Together on any Special Occasion at Such time and place as the Major General or his Brigadier shall order & be thereof Convicted by a Court Martial appointed as in this Act is hereafter provided he Shall be Cashiered, And if any officer Shall on a training or Mustering Day Refuse to obey the orders of his Superiour officer he Shall upon being Convicted thereof by a Court Martial be Cashiered.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that it Shall be Deemed Sufficient notice for any non Commissioned officer or private to appear with his arms & Accoutrements as the Commanding officer Shall Direct : to be Informed thereof by a non Commissioned officer or by having a notification Left at his usual place of abode Twenty four Hours before the time of appearing, or by affixing a notification up at the Door of the meeting House Church or place of publick worship in The Town Parish or precinct where the said Company belongs Eight Days before the Day for Mustering & appearing ; which notifications shall be Signed by the Eldest Serjeant by order of the Captain or Commanding officer of Said Company and if any non Commissioned officer or Soldier Shall after such notification unnecessarily neglect to appear with his arms & accoutrements he Shall pay a fine of Fifteen Pounds which is to be Levied by Distress & Sale of the Delinquents goods & Chattles by warrant under the hand & Seal of the Captain or Commanding officer of Said Company & for want thereof

upon his Body & the Eldest Serjeant who is to Levy the Same is to observe the same Rules & Regulations in making Said Distress as the Laws have pointed out for Collecting Rates & Taxes and Shall have one quarter part of such fine for his trouble & Charges.—provided Nevertheless that no such Warrant Shall be Issued untill fifteen Days after the Day for appearing that the Said Delinquent may have time to make his Excuse if any he has for his non-appearance—which is to be made to The Commanding officer of the Company :

And be it further Enacted that Parents masters and Guardians Shall be Liable for the neglect & non appearance of Such persons as are under their Care (and are Liable by Law to Train) and are to be proceeded against for the penalty in the Same manner as by this Act is provided against other Delinquents.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That on all Training and Muster Days Every officer Shall yield due obedience to his Superior officers, and Every Non Commissioned officer and Soldier Shall yield Intire and due obedience to the Commands and orders of their Respective officers : And if any officer Shall on Such Days neglect or refuse to obey the orders he may receive from his Superiour officer he Shall be Liable to be Cashiered by Sentence of a Court Martial and the Superior officer may immediately put Such Delinquent in arrest & report him & his offence to the Brigadier, if the offender is under the Rank of a Field officer : & the Brigadier is hereby Impowered to appoint a Court Martial for such Tryal and to approve the Sentence which being done the said officer Shall be Deemed Incapable of Ever holding any Military post or office in this State. And in Case the offender is of the Rank of a Field officer or of higher Rank his offence is to be Reported to the Major General who is hereby Impowered to appoint a Court Martial to try such offender & to approve the Sentence which being done the offender Shall be Deemed Incapable of Ever holding any Military office within this State.—All Court Martials appointed by the Major General Shall Consist of thirteen members the president of which is to be at Least of Equal Rank with the officer who is to be tryed. All Court Martials appointed by the Brigadier is to Consist of Seven Commissioned officers the President of which is to be of the Rank of Captain The members of all Court Martials are to be Sworn by the president & the president is to be Sworn by the member next in Rank on the Court Martial : And The President of Every Regimental Brigade and General Court Martial shall have power to administer an oath to Every witness in order to the Tryal of offenders—

And be it further Enacted That if any non Commissioned officer or Soldier Shall prove Refractory or Disobedient on a Training or Muster Day, or Shall Insult or abuse his officers or Either of them or treat them with Disrespect or Contempt The Com-

manding officer present may order the offender to be immediately tryed by five Comissioned officers (if So many Should be present) & if not by so many as are on the Field, who are Impowered to punish the offender by ordering him to Run the Gauntlope or to Ride the wooden Horse

And that no abuse of power may take place among officers be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that Every officer appointing a Court Martial Shall appoint Some Suitable person to Act as Judge Advocate who is to make a fair Record of the whole proceedings and the officer who appointed the Same is to Lodge a Copy There of in the Secretarys office within one Month after Tryal or as Soon after as may be That the member of the General assembly may have opportunity to Examine the Same and Correct any abuse which may have taken place

And be it further Enacted That when the Militia of any Town in this State or any part thereof shall be Drawn forth for the immediate Defence of this or any of the united States Each officer and Soldier Shall provide for himself at Least three Days allowance of provisions, & the Select men of such Town shall immediately cause Carriages to attend them with further necessary Provisions & utensils to Cook the same, and shall Continue to forward to the Quarter Master or his assistant in said Regiment, Sufficient Supplies for the part of the Militia from their Respective Towns untill they Shall be notified by the Commanding officer or by the Quarter Master that the same can be otherwise Supplied :

And the Selectmen are Directed to Lay their Accounts of provisions Supplied by them as also of utensils lost or Damaged ; & of Costs for Transporting the Same before the General Court for allowance, and to produce Receipts from the Quarter Master or his assistant for Such part thereof as Shall be Delivered to them, Respectively

And be it further Enacted by the Authority afors^d that there shall be a Stock of Powder & other Ammunition in Each Town provided and constantly kept ; which shall be one Barrel of Gun powder Containing . . . hundred Pounds three hundred weight of Leaden Balls of Different Sizes and Buck Shot & Three hundred Flints for Every Sixty Soldiers, & the same proportion for any greater or Lesser number ; And the Select men of Each Town are hereby impowered to raise money by tax on the Polls and Estates of their Town for the purpose aforesaid in the Same manner as other Town Charges are assessed and are to pursue the same Rules for Collecting the Same as are pursued in Collecting other Taxes.

And be it further Enacted that officers Commanding Divisions Brigades or Regiments may appoint Military Watches or Guards when an Invasion of the State is apprehended in such places and under Such regulations as they may Judge necessary, & all officers & Soldiers under their proper Command are to yield strict

obedience To their orders and Directions. And whereas there may be frequent occasion upon an Invasion of this or any of the united States to Draught men to Serve against the Enemy—

Be it therefore Enacted by the authority aforesaid That when it shall happen That there be an immediate Call for a number of Soldiers to Serve in such war; and a Sufficient number not appearing by voluntary Inlistment for that purpose; it shall & may be Lawful for the officers Commanding Regiments on Receiving orders from their Brigadiers to Issue warrants to the Captains of the Several Companies to Call the Same together as Soon as convenient and to Draft such a proportion thereof as shall be specified in their Respective warrants unless a Sufficient number shall then appear by voluntary Inlistment; and the Commanding officers of Independant & Alarm Companies are upon Receiving orders from their Brigadiers to proceed to Draft in like manner Such number of able Bodied men as the Brigadier Shall Direct: The number of men to be Draughted Shall be apportioned by the Major General to the Several Brigades & by the Brigadiers to the Several Regiments Independant & Alarm Companies in their Respective Brigades, & by the Commanding officer of Each Regiment to the Several Companies which Compose it.— And be it further Enacted that when any Person Draughted to Serve as aforesaid Shall refuse or neglect to make a reasonable Excuse to the Acceptance of the Majority of the Officers of the Company to which he belongs or to pay into the hands of the officer by whom he is So Draughted the Sum of a hundred & fifty pounds (to be paid to the Selectmen for the purpose of hiring Soldiers) he Shall be held & taken to be a Soldier in the Service for which he was so Draughted; & if any Soldier Shall neglect or refuse to march when ordered thereto According to the mode prescribed in this Act unless he produces a Discharge from his Commanding officer or provides Some Able-Bodied Man in his stead to the Acceptance of the officer by whom he was so Draughted, it Shall & may be Lawful for Such officer & he is hereby required to Confine said Delinquent & Send him to Some officer appointed to Act in the Service for which this Delinquent was Draughted—

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid That in the absence of the Major General the next Commanding officer shall make the apportionment of men to be Draughted, & in Cases of Emergency it may be Done by the Chairman of the Committee of Safety (in the Recess of the General Court): and that in all Cases where the act requires any Duty from an officer the next in Command in Case of the Death or absence of his Superior or Superiors is to perform the Same.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Signals for an Alarm are to be fixed by the Major General & may by him be altered from time to time and proper notice thereof is

to be by him given to the Several officers; and if any non Commissioned officer or Soldier Shall upon the Alarm being given unnecessarily Neglect to appear properly Armed & Equipped at Such time & place as the Commanding officer Shall appoint The Said Delinquent being Either of the Training Band or Alarm List Shall pay a fine of one hundred and fifty pounds & Every Soldier ordered to do Duty on a Guard or military watch who shall neglect or refuse the Same shall pay a fine of fifteen pounds & all persons Serving on Said Guards or military watches shall be punishable for misconduct while in such Service by a Court Martial to be appointed by the Commanding officer of such Guard, provided he be a Field officer, & in Case he is not then by the Commanding officer of the Regiment to which the Delinquent belongs, & the Commanding officer of the watch or Guard may Confine him for tryal: provided nevertheless that the punishment Inflicted by Sentence of the Court Martial Shall not Exceed Running the Gauntlope or riding the wooden Horse.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That when any officer of the Militia of this State Shall Refuse or neglect to Call forth the militia under his Command (being thereto ordered by his Superior officer) he Shall pay a Fine of Two hundred & fifty pounds—

And when any non Commissioned officer shall refuse or neglect to notify or warn any of the non Commissioned officers or private Soldiers of the Company to which he belongs (being thereto ordered by his Superior officer) he shall pay a fine of Fifty pounds—

And be it further Enacted That Every fine & forfeiture arising by Breach of any Article or Clause of this Act for which no Special mode of Recovery has been pointed out may be Recovered by Bill Plaint or Information in any Court of Record which fines & forfeitures when Recovered Shall be paid into the hands of the Selectmen or Treasurer of the Town where Such offender hath his usual place of Abode for hiring Soldiers for the War, and purchasing Drums Fifes & other Military Equipments.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in Case of an Actual Invasion of this State The whole of the Militia thereof that may be ordered out to oppose the Enemy shall from the time of their Marching for that purpose be under the Rules & Regulations of the Continental Army; Subject however to Such orders and Commands as may be given them from the Legislature of this State. And the Major General commanding the Said Militia or any part thereof (or in his absence the Commanding officer of the Same) Shall be Amenable to & Tryable by the Legislature of the State or by Such Court as they may appoint for all Neglects of Duty & for all Crimes & Misdemeanors Committed by him when Acting within the State as also in any other of the united American States, unless he Shall be annexed to an

Army Commanded by a Superior Continental General who May have Sufficient Authority to Try and punish the Same. And in Case the Militia of this State or any part thereof Shall be at any time ordered out to assist in Defence of any other of the united States the said Militia Shall be Subject from the time of Marching to the time of Return to the Rules & Regulations of the Continental Army.

And that the Major General & other Generals may at all times be ready for doing Duty in the field; Be it further Enacted that the Major General may by warrant under his hand & Seal appoint two persons from the Line of officers to Act as his aid De Camp, who are to attend him on Horseback Every Field Day. & upon Every alarm: and the Brigadiers are also Impowered Each to appoint for himself one officer from the Line to Act as his Brigade Major—who is to attend Him on Horseback in Times of Alarm, & upon Field Days.—

And that no failure of Justice may happen in any Court Martial appointed by virtue of this Act—

Be it further Enacted that all persons called to give Evidence in any Case before Such Court who shall refuse to appear or appearing shall refuse to give Evidence Shall be Committed to the Common Goal of the County where such Court is Sitting there to remain Six months unless Sooner Released therefrom by the Justices of the Superiour Court: & the president is to Lodge the Accusation against him with the prison Keeper: The oath to be administred to witnesses in Court Martials is to be in the following form viz

You Swear the Evidence you Shall give in the Case now in hearing Shall be the truth the whole truth & nothing but the Truth
So help you God

The oath administred to members of the Court Martial previous to Tryal is to be in the following form viz

You Swear that you will well & truly try & impartially Determine the Cause of the prisoner now to be tryed according to the Rules for Regulating the militia of this State.

So help you God

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That all Military Commissions Now in force in this State Shall Abide & Remain in full force untill Superseaded by Lawful Authority anything in this Act To the Contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR DISPOSING OF SUCH PRISONERS AS HAVE BEEN
 OR HEREAFTER MAY BE TAKEN BY THE LAND OR SEA FORCES
 OF THIS STATE.—

[Passed March 18, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 14 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 65. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 222. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas The General assembly of this State has been notified by the Honorable the Continental Congress that many Inconveniences have arisen by particular Exchanges of Prisoners made by the Respective States & the Said Congress has requested That in future all Exchanges Shall be made by the Commissary General of Prisoners & not otherwise.—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives of said State of New Hampshire in General Court assembled and by the authority of the Same. That when any Prisoners being Subjects or adherents of the King of Great Britain Shall be taken by the Subjects Troops Private Ships or vessels of war belonging to this State (not in the Service of the united States.) The said Prisoners Shall as Soon as may be, be Delivered into the Care & Custody of the Commissary General of Prisoners his Deputy or assistant to be Treated as Prisoners to the united States.

And be it further Enacted That all Masters or Commanders of Private Ships or vessels of war belonging to This State Shall take the utmost Care to bring into Port all Prisoners Captivated by them & if from necessity they Shall be obliged to Dismiss any Prisoners at Sea ; they Shall on Return from their Cruise make Report thereof on oath to the Judge of Admiralty for the State within Twenty Days after their Arrival with their Reasons for Such Dismission. and if the Judge shall not be Satisfied with the Reasons assigned : or if it Shall appear that the Prisoners were Discharged to Avoid the Trouble or Expense of bringing them into Port & Delivering them into Custody or in anywise unnecessarily ; then the Judge is to Transmit an Account thereof to the President of the Council for this State who is to Examine into the matter & vacate the Commission granted to the Said Delinquent Master or Commander of Said vessel : if he is of opinion that Such Dismission was improper.

And be it further Enacted that all prisoners of war taken by Such vessels be Delivered by & at Expense of the owners or master to a Commissary of prisoners (if within Convenient Distance) & if not Then into the Nearest County Goal on pain of forfeiting

the Commission granted such vessel. And the Sheriff or Goaler is hereby Directed to Inform the president of the Council of the number & names of Said prisoners immediately after their Arrival.

And be it further Enacted That Persons who may take Prisoners out of vessels Stranded or lost on Shore in this State Shall Convey them to the nearest Commissary of Prisoners or into the neares Goal on penalty of forfeiting for neglect the Sum of one thousand pounds for Each prisoner and all Goalers are to receive And Deliver Prisoners of war without Charging fee or reward to the Persons Delivering them in, or taking them out by Lawful Authority; all which Expence is to be by him Charged to this State & presented to the General Court for allowance And when any Prisoners Shall Leave the Goal Either for removal to places of Greater Security or Exchange the Goaler Shall Transmit a Copy of his Charges on Account of Said Prisoners to the Commissary General of Prisoners or his nearest Deputy.

That none but Sick or wounded Prisoners be allowed Carriages at Publick Expence. That all Prisoners on parole pay their own Expences, which Expences are to be paid before they Leave this State: And all officers prisoners of war unless in Hospitals Shall pay their Physicians Surgeons and attendants—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the president of the Council may at the Expence of the State from time to time remove Such Prisoners for their Greater Security: And Shall also order them to be forwarded to the Commissary of prisoners or his Deputy when he Shall Judge it necessary: And is To Transmit to him or them from time to time Lists of Such Prisoners as are within the State. and also Lists of Such Subjects of this State as may be in the Hands of the Enemy that the Commissary of Prisoners may be Enabled to Exchange them agreeable to the Directions of Congress—

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED AN ACT TO CONFISCATE THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY PERSONS THEREIN NAMED PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY EIGHT.

[Passed March 18, 1780. Recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 40. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 220. See acts of Nov. 19, 1778, Nov. 28, 1778, June 26, 1779, July 3, 1781 and Jan. 25, 1791. Repealed Sept. 15, 1786.]

Whereas in and by said Act it is Enacted that the whole of the Estates of Sundry Persons therein named Should be forfeited to the use of the State & no provision is made in Said Act for Ascertaining the Estates of said Persons: & for Setting the just Debts and Credits of Said persons. And whereas Sundry proceedings have been had Respecting the Sale & Conveyance of Some of those Estates which may in Consequence of the insufficiency of Said additional Act be Deemed Insufficient & Invalid.

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the Same—That all Sales made by the Trustees appointed by virtue of said additional Act: whether said Sales were made by virtue of an order from the Judge of probate or by the Said Trustees without Licence be & hereby are Declared good & valid to all Intents & purposes whatsoever: They the Said Trustees Lodging an Inventory of the Estate so Sold with the Judge of Probate by the first Day of May next.

And be it further Enacted that the appointment of all Trustees made in Consequence of the said additional Act be & hereby are Declared to be firm & valid: And the Judges of probate in the Several Counties where the Said absentees Last Dwelt (& in Case the person whose Estate is declared to be forfeited never was an Inhabitant of this State then the Judge of Probate where Such Estate Lies) are hereby impowered to appoint a Trustee to Each Estate forfeited as aforesaid; who shall be under oath & give Bond to Said Judge for the faithful performance of their Respective Trusts; & Every Such Trustee Shall make a True & perfect Inventory of all Such Estates Real & personal as may come to their hands possession or knowledge & Return the same to the Said Judge of probate. & all Committees of Safety or other Committees which have been impowered to Intermeddle with & take Care of Said Estates are to account with Such Trustees Respectively: & Said Trustees may Sue for & Recover any Real or

personal Estate which the said absentees respectively had a right to Recover at the time the aforesaid forfeiture accrued, or which they may hereafter become Intituled to within this State.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Several Judges of Probate are hereby Impowered to grant Licence for the Sale of all or any part of the Real or personal Estate of the Said absentees & persons whose Estates are by Said Act Declared forfeited & the Said Trustees are hereby impowered to make Sale & Conveyance thereof & Return the Net Proceeds of said Estates as also the Income of the Same into the Treasurers office of said State as Soon as may be.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Several Judges of Probate who have or shall appoint Said Trustees shall Likewise nominate three fit persons to be Commissioners with full power to receive and Examine the Claims of the Several Creditors to Said Estates, & Report the Debts due from Said Estates, & such Commissioners shall make known the times & places of their meetings for that Business by advertising the same in the New Hampshire & one of the Boston Gazettes three weeks Successively: & Six months only Shall be allowed said Creditors for bringing in & proving their Claims; at the End of which Term the Said Commissioners shall return a List of such Claims as may have been presented to them with the vouchers accompanying the same into the Treasurers office for this State, that the General Court may adjust the Same and order payment: & Every person who shall not make out and present his or her Claim to said Commissioners before the Expiration of Said Term shall be forever Barred from recovering his or her Debt. Said Commissioners Shall also make report into Said office of the Debts due to Said Estate

And in Case Either of Said Trustees shall have Just Cause to suspect any person or persons of Imbezzling any of the Personal Estate or any Deed or other writing Concerning the Real or personal Estate of any of the said Absentees upon representing the same to the Said Judge of Probate, if he shall judge such Suspicions to be well founded, he shall cause Such Suspected Person or Persons to be apprehended & Examined upon oath touching the Same & upon their Refusing to Disclose upon oath or affirmation what they know Respecting the same they may be Committed to Goal During the pleasure of the said Judge: And Every Defendant may be Examined on oath touching the merits of the Cause under pain of Imprisonment During the pleasure of the Court or Judge before whom the Tryal may be.

And the Said Judges of Probate Shall make Such orders from time to time Concerning the Disposal of Such forfeited Estates as may be most Effectual for Carring this & the former Act into Execution; And are hereby Impowered to make Such allowance for the wives and Children of Such absentees out of their

Estates as they shall think proper : And the Said Judges of Probate shall make a Reasonable allowance to said Trustees & all others Concerned in Settling said forfeited Estates which is to be Lodged in the Treasurers office for payment

All Sales by Virtue of this Act Shall be by publick Vendue. And Every Judge of Probate shall make Return of his Proceedings to the General Assembly Every Six months, if the General assembly be then sitting or as Soon after as may be.

Provided Nevertheless that the Trustee that may be appointed, or has already been appointed for the Estate of the said John Wentworth, shall not Intermeddle with anything held under the Last will & Testament of Thomas Packer Esq^r Deceased untill the Dispute about Said will is Ended.—

And be it further Enacted that this State Shall & will warrant & Defend the possession & property of all Real Estate Conveyed by Such Trustees in Consequence of this Act.

In the House of Representatives March 3^d 1780.

Voted that any Officer Noncommissioned or other Person who Shall hereafter Enlist any Soldier or Soldiers into the Continental Battalions of this State During the War and Shall produce a Certificate from the Muster Master that Such Soldier or Soldiers hath or have passed muster, on or before the fifteenth day of April next Shall have and receive out of the Treasury Thirty pounds for Each Soldier So Enlisted & Mustered.

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives March 15th 1780.

Voted that a Committee of this house be Chosen to Join Such as the Hon^{le} board Shall Appoint to Consider of the Expediency of Selling the Farm, and furniture of the House in Wolfeborough lately belonging to John Wentworth Esq^r an Absentee from this State, and the Stock on the Farm, and to report to this house what is best to be done Concerning the Same, and that Gen^l Whipple M^r Parker and Cap^t Moulton be the Committee of this house for that purpose.

Council concurred same day, and Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Farrar Joined.

[*Third Session, (Special) April 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 1780.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE,
BEEF, RUM AND MOLASSES, OUT OF THIS STATE.

[Passed April 29, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 15; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 70. Repealed Nov. 1, 1780. See act of June 16, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 333. See also the repealing act of Dec. 27, 1791, id., p. 336.]

Whereas the General Assembly of this State have been required by Congress to furnish large quantities of Beef, & Rum, for the use of the Army of the united States in the Ensuing Campaigns and the same cannot be supplied, if suffered to be bought up, and transported into any other State.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for the said State in General Court assembled That from and after the Second day of May in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand and seven hundred & Eighty, no person or persons, within this State, being the Owner or Owners, of any neat Cattle, Beef, Rum or molasses, within the same State, shall sell or in any manner dispose of, any such Cattle, Beef Rum or molasses, to any person or persons, not inhabiting the same State, nor shall suffer such Cattle, Beef Rum or molasses, to be transported into any neighboring State And every Person who shall offend against this Act shall forfeit & pay the full Value of such Cattle, Beef Rum & Molasses so sold and disposed of, or so transported as afores^d for each offence, one half to the person or persons who shall prosecute for the same, and the other half for the use of this State, to be recovered by special Action upon the Case, in any Court proper to try the same. And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons not belonging to, or not being Inhabitants within this State, shall come to, or be within the same, and shall after the said second day of May Anno Dom 1780, purchase therein, or drive or convey out of the same State, any such Cattle, Beef, rum or molasses as aforesaid, each and every of such purchasers, drivers, or Conveyors, shall be subject, and liable to pay the same fine & forfeiture as the Seller aforesaid to be prosecuted for and recovered in the same manner, & to the same Uses as aforesaid. And any person driving Cattle within this State, suspected to be driving them to another State, may be stopped, & examined by any Justice of the peace, or the Selectmen of any Town in this

State, and his Cattle also stopp'd until he give satisfaction to such Justices or Selectmen that he hath or had no Intention to drive such Cattle out of the State And in case such satisfaction shall not be given, the Cattle shall be by such Justice, or Selectmen immediately driven, & delivered to the Committee of Safety for this State for the use of the same State, unless the said Committee of Safety, shall upon further Examination and all Cost being paid, see cause to deliver them up And the Committee of Safety shall immediately pay such Justice or Selectmen (by draught on the Treasury) for their Cost and trouble in stopping & driving such Cattle.

Provided that this Act shall not extend, to hinder any person from driving Teams of working Oxen out of this State, if the same Cattle are brought back, and not sold, nor to hinder the carrying out of this State, any of the Articles aforesaid, purchased by Authority of this State for the use of the Continent.

This Act to continue and be in force untill the first day of May which will be in the year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty One and no longer

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR COMPLYING WITH AND CARRYING INTO EXECUTION CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS OF THE 18th OF MARCH 1780 FOR SINKING THE BILLS OF PUBLICK CREDIT NOW CURRENT AND FOR ISSUING OTHER BILLS IN THEIR STEAD.

[Passed April 29, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 16; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 68. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 234.]

Whereas it is in and by said resolutions of the continental congress of the 18th of March A D 1780 recommended to each and every of the united states to continue the monthly tax for each State's quota of fifteen million dollers a month from the month of January last untill the month of April 1781 inclusively The quota of this state toward said tax being four hundred thousand dollers a month and amonnting in the whole to six millions & four hundred thousand dollers And whereas this state have already made provision for levying and collecting the sum of three millions & six hundred thousand dollers agreeable to a resolution of congress of the 7th of October 1779.

Be it therefore enacted by the councill and house of representatives that the further sum of two millions and eight hundred thou-

sand dollers being the remainder of this states quota of the monthly tax aforesaid shall be taken out of the mony ordered to be raised for the use of this State by an act passed on the fifteenth day of March last and the same shall be appropriated to the sole use and purpose of paying said remainder of the monthly tax and to no other use or purpose whatsoever and shall be paid accordingly before the last day of April 1781.

And whereas it is farther recommended by congress to the several states to provide funds for redeeming certain new bills to be issued agreeable to said resolutions of congress of the 18th of March last in the room of the bills now in circulation and this states quota of the said new bills being by calculation supposed to be two hundred & eighty thousand dollers besides the annual interest of said bills at five per cent untill they are redeemed.

Be it therefore further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said sum of two hundred & eighty thousand dollers shall be taxed assessed collected and paid into the treasury of this state in six equal payments or sums the first payment to be made by the last day of December A D 1781 and so to continue in yearly payments untill the whole is paid in spanish milled dollers or other silver and gold of the same value or in the bills last mentioned with a further sum sufficient for paying the annual interest of said bills and the mony so to be collected shall be applied to the sole purpose of redeeming and sinking said bills and for no other purpose whatsoever agreeable to the true intent and meaning of the resolution of Congress for that purpose. And the treasurer of this state or his successor or successors for the time being shall issue warrants to the several towns and districts within this state in the month of April annually for that purpose and the same shall be executed according to the laws for collecting publick taxes within thiss tate.

And Be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid that Mess^{rs} Joseph Pearson, Ephraim Robinson and James M^cCluer all of Exeter be and hereby are appointed a committee to sign all such bills as belong to the quota of this state.

And Be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid that silver or any of the new bills to be emitted as aforesaid may be received in the room of the mony now in circulation in payment of said monthly taxes at the rate of one doller of silver or new bills for forty of the mony now in circulation.

[*Fourth Session, June 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1780.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITULED AN ACT TO CONFISCATE THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY PERSONS THEREIN NAMED PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY EIGHT—

[Passed June 9, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 17; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 74. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 178. See acts of Nov. 28, 1778, June 26, 1779 and March 18, 1780. Repealed Sept. 15, 1786.]

Whereas in pursuance of said Act Cap^t Samuel Gilman (Trustee to the Estate of the late Governor John Wentworth an Absentee) hath proceeded to advertise for Sale the whole of the real, and part of the personal Estate of the said Absentee at Wolfborough by public Vendue on the fourteenth day of June Current, having omitted to mention in his said Advertisement the Stock of Cattle, Sheep and Swine on the Farm of the said Absentee at Wolfborough, & also a Quantity of provisions & produce of said farm there—And Whereas it may be beneficial to this State & to the Creditors of the Estate of the said Absentee, that the several articles omitted in said Advertisement should be disposed of by public Vendue as soon as may be—but said Trustee doubting whether he can legally dispose of said Articles at the time & place of selling the real Estate, on Account of the Shortness of time for Notice, and praying special direction & Authority therein.

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same, that the said Samuel Gilman Trustee as aforesaid be and hereby is authorized and impowered (at the same Vendue appointed for the Sale of the real Estate afores^d, on the fourteenth day of June Current) to proceed & make public Sale of the Stock of Cattle Sheep & Swine on said farm, and also of the provisions and all produce of said farm there, which have not heretofore been by him appropriated to particular purposes—which Sale shall be taken & deemed to be as valid to all intents as if notified in the Advertisement aforesaid—the said Trustee to dispose of the Net proceeds of said Sale in the Manner as in & by the before mentioned Act is directed.—

And the said Trustee is hereby directed immediately to proceed in giving such Notice as he shall think the most likely to make said Sale public—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND KEEP IN FORCE AN ACT OF THIS STATE MADE AND PASSED ON THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF JUNE ANNO DOMINI ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY SEVEN, ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ENABLE THREE JUSTICES OF THE PEACE (UNUS QUORUM) TO DETERMINE ALL DISPUTES CONCERNING THE MAINTAINANCE OF THE POOR"—

[Passed June 13, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 18; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 73. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 169. The act referred to is dated June 25, 1777. See the act of Feb. 11, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 269.]

Whereas the Said Act has been found to be of great Benefit and Utility to this State, and is now Near Expiring, being Temporary. Therefore—Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives In General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same it is hereby Enacted, That the Said Act be and hereby is Revived, Re Enacted and Put in full force, and that the Same be Exercised, Practiced upon, & put in Execution in all and Every its parts & Clauses For the Term of Five years from the Passing hereof and no Longer—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING SIX HUNDRED MEN TOWARDS COMPLEATING THE BATALIONS OF THIS STATE IN THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

[Passed June 16, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 19; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 76. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 179.]

Whereas it is found necessary that six hundred men should be immediately raised towards the compleating the batalions of this state in the continental army.

Be it therefore enacted by the council and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that there be six hundred good and effective men forthwith raised and sent forward to joyn the batalions of this state in the Continental army. And that the committee of safety shall immediately give orders to each and every of the Colonels or commanders of regiments in this state to raise their quotas thereof as follows viz^t Col. Wentworths regiment Col Langdons & Col Sherburns independent companys to be considered as part of said regiment for this present purpose forty four. Col. Evans's regiment fifty four Col Moultons regiment twenty five. Col. Gilmans regiment thirty six Col Gales regiment thirty six Col Badgers regiment thirty six. Col John Websters regiment twenty two. Col Greys regiment twenty one Col Nichols's regiment forty seven. Col Kellys regiment forty one. Col Stickneys regiment fifty two. Col M^cClarys regiment twenty three Col David Websters regiment twelve Col. Bellows's regiment twenty nine. Col Hale's regiment forty Col Ellis's regiment forty three Col Chase's regiment twenty three & Col. Mory's regiment sixteen. And the said Colonels of the several regiments aforesaid shall forthwith give orders to the Captains or commanders of the several companys in their respective regiments accordingly to raise their respective quotas. And the said Captains or commanders of companys shall immediately proceed to raise their respective proportions of said men by voluntary inlistment or draft having regard as well to the larum list men as to the train band men within their respective districts all which are hereby made for this special purpose alike liable to be drafted for said service. And each man drafted or inlisted as aforesaid shall furnish himself with suitable clothing knapsack and blanket and shall serve in the said batalions of the continental army untill the last day of December next unless sooner discharged. And every person drafted as aforesaid that shall not immediately proceed in the said service according to such orders as he shall receive from his superiour officer shall forfeit and pay as a fine for the use of this state the sum of five hundred dollers which sum shall be paid by him to the captain or commander of such company within twenty four hours after his being drafted otherwise he shall be considered as a soldier engaged in the said batalions in the continental army and shall be returned accordingly and shall be apprehended and sent to the army and be liable to the same penaltys as any other deserter from the continental army. And the said fine shall be immediately applied toward hiring men for said service if such can be had otherwise such captain or commander of any company shall pay the same into the treasury of this state and shall make return to his Colonel what fines he has received & how the same have been disposed of. And each man proceeding in the service as aforesaid shall be paid at the rate of forty shillings a month in mony equal to indian corn at four shillings a bushell

grass fed beef at three pence a pound or soal leather at eighteen pence a pound with five pounds like mony more for finding his own clothing knapsack and blanket and two dollers paper currency a mile for travel & billeting mony from the place of his abode untill he draws continental rations which two dollers a mile shall be paid on his passing muster by such person as shall be appointed for that purpose

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO RESTORE TO ROBERT WHITE HIS TITLE TO CERTAIN LANDS IN NEW BOSTON—

[Passed June 17, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 20; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 79.]

Whereas the said Robert White has petitioned the general Assembly representing that on the Second Day of february 1775 he being indebted to one Zaccheus Cutler late of Amherst Esq^r by a Note of hand in the Sum of Sixty one pounds did give him a Deed of about one hundred & fifty Acres of Land in New Boston being the homestead on which he (said White) now lives, in nature of a Mortgage as collateral Security for said Sum, upon a verbal Condition that if it should be paid within four months from the Date of said Deed the said Deed should be given up to him—That on the twenty Sixth Day of May then next he had procured said Sum & did repair to the dwelling house of the said Cutler in order to pay it him, but he had absconded & gone over to the Enemies of this Country—Whereupon he said White tendered the sum of Sixty two pounds Eight Shillings to Samuel McKeen & Michael Martin who had transacted business for the said Cutler but they declared they were not authorized to receive it—That if the said Land should be deemd forfeited to this State, as being part of the Estate of the said Cutler he said White would be grievously injured, as the said Sum is but a Small part of the Value of the said Land—And therefore praying that some person may be authorized to receive the said Money & to release to him all the right & Title to the said Lands derived to the said Cutler by the said Deed & to discharge him the said White from the said Note—

Which Representation having been proved to be true & the Prayer of said Petition appearing reasonable & just—therefore—

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened And by the Authority of the same it

is hereby enacted That Nahum Baldwin Esq^r of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough—be & he hereby is authorized and impowered to receive the said Sum of Sixty one pounds in Silver or Gold Coin of the said Robert White for the Use of this State and upon the Receipt thereof to make seal & execute to the said Robert White his heirs & Assigns a good & sufficient Deed of release of all the Right & Title of the said Cutler of in & unto the said Lands derived to him by the said Deed of the said White—And that the said Cutlers Right be thereby as fully & amply conveyed to the said White his heirs & Assigns as if the said Cutler before his absconding had executed Such Deed to him (said White) And that the said Nahum Baldwin Esq^{rs} receipt to the said White for the said Sum of money shall fully discharge him & his heirs from all Demands of the said Cutler his heirs & Assigns & from the Demands of this State on Account of the said Note—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR CLEARING & MAKING PASSABLE THE ROAD FROM THE UPPER COOS THRO' UNAPPROPRIATED LANDS TO CON- WAY.

[Passed June 17, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 21; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 81. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 169.]

Whereas it has been represented to this Court that part of said Road is thro' Mountainous unappropriated Lands, interrupted by Brooks & small Rivers, & almost impassable, whereby the Inhabitants of said Upper Coos in case of an Attack from the Enemy, would be deprived of Assistance from their neighbours at & near Conway & cut off from the Advantage of retreating thither if necessary—& that it is therefore requisite the said Road should be speedily made passable at the public Expence—which appearing true—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened, & by the Authority of the Same, That Joseph Whipple Esq^r be & hereby is authorized to sell at public Vendue, one thousand Acres of the confiscated Lands, of William Stark Esq^r adjoining to Conway—And that he be & hereby is impowered to make and execute a good Deed or Deeds thereof, to the purchaser or Purchasers—And that he lay out as soon as may be the money raised thereby, or such part thereof as may be necessary, for repairing & making the said Road passable thro' the said unappropriated Lands—And that he make return of his doings to the General Court as soon as may be—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN ELEAZER DAVIS
AND REBECCA HIS WIFE.

[Passed June 19, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 22; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 88.]

Whereas Rebecca Davis of Madbury in the County of Strafford & State of New Hampshire afores^d hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth—that in the month of october A D 1763 she was married to Eleazer Davis then of Said Madbury & lived with him until the month of April A D 1770 all which time she behaved towards him as a dutiful obedient wife in all things, in her power, Nevertheless at the last mentioned time he left her and hath never since contributed anything toward her Maintenance, but hath Cohabited with Several other Women by whom he hath had Children, lived with & maintained them; all which she was ready to Verify. For which reasons praying leave to bring in a Bill to Vacate said Marriage. The facts contained in said Petition being made to appear upon a full hearing thereof Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened. That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Eleazer & Rebecca be and hereby are dissolved.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTHWESTERLY PART OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF CANTERBURY IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKING-
HAM INTO A DISTINCT PARISH BY THE NAME OF NORTH-
FIELD—

[Passed June 19, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 23; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 85. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 171.]

Whereas a Petition has been Preferred to the General Assembly by The Inhabitants of the Northwesterly part of the Township of Canterbury in the County of Rockingham Praying to be Incor-

porated into a body Politic and Corporate by the Name of Northfield, of which Due Notice has been given and no reasonable Objection being Offered against it, and It appearing to be for the Public good. Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same, That there be and hereby is Erected and Incorporated within the Said Township of Canterbury, a Distinct Parish by the Name of Northfield by the Following bounds Viz beginning at a Beach tree Standing at the South East Corner bound of an hundred acre Lott, in the Second Hundred acre Division of Lands in Said Township of Canterbury, being the Lott Numbred forty two and Laid out to Joseph Dearborn, and from thence to run South Seventy Degrees West to a pine Spotted Standing by the Turn of the River above Gerrishes Ferry, and that all the Lands and Inhabitants thereof within the Said Township of Canterbury lying & being Northwestward of Said Line Be and hereby are Erected and Incorporated into a body Politic and Corporate by the Name of Northfield, to have Continuance and Succession forever. And the Said Inhabitants and those that Shall hereafter Inhabit the Said Parish, are hereby Invested with all the Powers, and Enfranchized with all the Rights, Priviledges and Immunities that any other Parish within this State Hold and Enjoy—Saving that the Inhabitants of the Said Parish Shall at all times Join with the Said Town of Canterbury in the Choice of a Representative—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That for the Current year the Inhabitants of Said Northfield shall pay their Taxes as Assessed by the Selectmen of Canterbury; and in future Untill a new Proportion shall be made, the Said Inhabitants of Northfield Shall Assess themselves and pay Yearly in the Proportion of Two pounds & fourteen Shillings to every Thousand Pounds of the Proportion of the State Taxes, Continental Taxes & County Taxes heretofore proportioned to the Said Town of Canterbury. To Hold to the Said Inhabitants of Northfield and their Successors forever. And Abiel Foster Esq^r is hereby Authorized to Call the first meeting of Said Inhabitants to Chuse all Necessary and Customary Parish Officers, giving fourteen days Notice of the time place and Design of Such meeting, and Such Officers Shall hereby be Invested with all the Powers of the like Officers in any other Parishes within this State; And every other meeting which Shall be Annually held in Said Parish for that Purpose Shall be on the First Thursday of March Forever.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO VEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A
 FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF MERRIMAC RIVER IN
 NATHANIEL CLEMENT OF CANTERBURY HIS HEIRS & ASSIGNS

[Passed June 19, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 24; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 83. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 170.]

Whereas the said Clement hath petitioned the General Court representing That for a number of Years past a Ferry by the Name of Fosses Ferry has been kept from his farm in said Canterbury across said River to Boscawen and that it is necessary for the public as well as said Towns that a Ferry should be still kept & maintained there—for which purpose it is requisite a new boat should be built which cannot be done without great Cost Yet that he is willing to undertake it if he may be secured in the Privilege of keeping said Ferry in future And praying that the exclusive privilege of keeping a ferry within certain Limits there may be granted him his heirs & Assigns Which representation appearing just and the Prayer of said Petition reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same That the Sole & exclusive Right & Privilege of keeping a Ferry over said River in any place within a Mile of the Dwelling house of the said Nathaniel Clement be & hereby is granted to & vested in him the said Nathaniel Clement his heirs & Assigns he & they from time to time as the same shall fall giving Bond with Surety in the sum of a thousand Pounds to the Clerk of the Court of general Sessions of the Peace for the County of Rockingham that the said ferry shall be constantly attended & well kept

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any Person or Persons shall for hire or reward transport over said River within a Mile of said dwelling house, any person Creature or thing, such person so transporting shall forfeit and pay to the said Nathaniel Clement his heirs or Assigns the sum of forty Shillings—for each person Creature & thing so transported to be recovered by Action of Debt before any justice of the Peace within the said County—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT APPOINTING CERTAIN PERSONS NAMED THEREIN TO
 HEAR AND DETERMINE ALL DISPUTES AND CONTROVERSIES
 BETWEEN THOMAS HALL, & JOHN HALL & ALEXANDER
 MCMURPHY LATE GUARDIANS OF SAID THOMAS.

[Passed June 20, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 25; recorded Acts, vol. 4,
 p. 90.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General-Court for said State, setting forth that in the year 1765 an Act pass'd the Gen^l Assembly for the (then) Province of New Hampshire appointing John Hall & Alexander McMurphy both of Derryfield in the County of Hillsborough and State aforesaid Guardians of the said Thomas Hall of Goffe's Town in s^d County who had fallen into Distractation, with full power to the said Guardians to take all the Estate of the said Thomas into their hands, to recover all debts, and prosecute & defend any Actions for or against said Thomas—and to make sale of such of his Lands as might be necessary so as least to prejudice what might remain—with orders to account once a year with the Judge of Probate, and in case the said Thomas should be again restored to his Reason & there should be a prospect of a continuance thereof, that then the said Guardians should resign their trust, and the release of said Thomas to be their discharge. which Act the said Petition sets forth is in many respects very deficient—not requiring s^d Guardians to exhibit any Inventory, nor to give Bond to the s^d Judge of Probate for a due administration of said Estate—and further setting forth that said Thomas is again restored to his reason & that said Guardians had not accounted with the Judge of Probate in the manner directed in said Act, that there are many mistakes in those accounts already settled, and that there never was a final settlement of said Guardianship with said Judge, & that said Thomas so far from being willing to give a Release to said Guardians considers himself very much wronged and is wholly and greatly dissatisfied with their conduct, and therefore praying leave to bring in a Bill suitable to the Circumstances of his case—The material facts contained in said Petition appearing true, and the prayer thereof, reasonable—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same that the Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett Esq^r John Calfe Esq^r and M^r Thomas Odiorne—be, and hereby are appointed, authorized & required on or before the first day of March next

to hear and determine all disputes controversies & demands between the said Thomas & the s^d Guardians relating to all their conduct during s^d Guardianship the report of whom, or any two of them to be return'd to the then next Superior-Court of Judicature that shall sit in said County which report being accepted, and Judgment entered thereon to be final and conclusive between the Parties and Execution to issue accordingly and the Said Josiah Bartlett Esq^r is hereby appointed chairman of said Committee and directed to seal up such report after they have agreed thereon and deliver it into said Superior-Court & the said Court is hereby authorized and required to receive the same, enter judgment thereon and to issue Execution according thereto in the same manner as if the Court had had cognizance thereof in the usual way and the parties had entered into a Rule of Court for the final determination thereof.

And be it further enacted That s^d Referrees be and hereby are impowered to proceed ex parte after giving reasonable notice in case either of the parties do not attend—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ERECT A PARISH IN THE WESTERLY PART OF GRANTHAM & EASTERLY PART ON PLAINFIELD IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE.

[Passed June 23, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 26; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 93. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 173.]

Whereas it has been represented to the General Assembly in behalf of the Inhabitants of the westerly part of Grantham and the easterly part of Plainfield That they, by reason of local Circumstances labour under great inconveniencies as to parochial Matters which would be remedied if they were incorporated into a Parish; which representation appearing true & the said Towns having manifested their Consent to the same—therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That there be a Parish erected within the following Limits viz^t beginning at the north Line of Plainfield three Miles & eighty Rods from Connecticutt River from thence running South forty Degrees West to a Beach Tree marked standing on the South line of Plainfield thence running easterly, by said Line & the South line of Grantham to the Top of the Ridge of Mountains running thro said Grantham thence northerly by the Top of Said Ridge to the

North Line of Grantham then westerly by the said Line and the north Line of Plainfield to the Place where it began And the Inhabitants thereof erected into a body Politic & Corporate, for Parochial Matters only, to have Continuance & Succession forever And are invested with the Power of Assessing levying & raising Money for the Purposes of building a Meeting house and keeping the same in repair & for Settling & constantly maintaining a Gospel minister in said Parish—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Inhabitants of said Parish be & hereby are exempted & liberated from all Parochial Taxes in the other part of their respective towns forever. And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Cap^t Abel Stevens of said Grantham be & hereby is authorized to call a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Parish to chuse all necessary & customary Parish Officers giving fourteen Days Notice of the Time place & Design of such meeting & such Officers shall be invested with all the Power & Authority necessary to discharge the Duty of their Respective Offices And every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Parish for that purpose shall be on the last monday of March forever—And that the said Parish shall be called by the name of Meriden—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR LAYING OUT AND REPAIRING CERTAIN ROADS IN A PLACE CALLED THE GORE

[Passed June 23, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 27; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 95. Laws, 1780 ed, p. 173. See act of July 4, 1781.]

Whereas a petition hath been prefered to the general court praying that a committee may be authorized to lay out a road from New Durham by Merry meeting bay to Wolfborough & also another road from Merry meeting bay to Gilmantown within & through a tract of land called the Gore and to Cause said roads when laid out to be repaired at the cost of the owners of the lands through which they pass. which petition upon proper examination appears to be reasonable & just.

Be it therefore enacted by the Councill and house of representatives that the committee or selectmen of said Gore appointed for the time being to make the State & continental taxes within the same be and hereby are appointed & authorized a committee to lay out said roads as above expressed and to cause them to be suitably repaired and made passable with horses team & carriages

at the proper cost and charge of the inhabitants & owners of said tract of land called the Gore through which said roads are to run And the said cost shall be levied assessed & collected on the said owners & inhabitants in the same manner & proportion as the State tax.

And the said committee are hereby required to make a return of said road into the Clerks office of the court of General Sessions of the peace of the county of Strafford within three months And in case the said roads when laid out shall not be suitably repaired and kept in repair from time to time the said inhabitants & owners of the said land in the said Gore shall be liable to the same pains & penaltys & manner of prosecution as any towns in this state are liable to for not repairing highways.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JONATHAN SWETT TO REVIEW A CERTAIN ACTION OF EJECTMENT COMMENCED AGAINST HIM BY JONATHAN MOULTON ESQ^r AS GUARDIAN &c AT THE INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HOLDEN IN JUNE ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & SIXTY THREE—

[Passed June 24, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 28; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 97. See additional act of Nov. 3, 1780.]

Whereas Jonathan Swett of Greenland in the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid Gentleman hath petitioned the General Court setting forth, That Jonathan Moulton of Hampton in said County Esq^r as Guardian of Mary Weare, Elizabeth Weare, & Mehitable Weare, Daughters of Nathaniel Weare late of Hampton-falls in said County dec^d commenced an Action of Ejectment against him at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas holden at Portsmouth in & for the then Province of New Hampshire on the first Tuesday of June A D 1763, wherein the said Mary, Elizabeth & Mehitable by their said Guardian demanded the Possession of the half of fourteen Acres of land more or less in Hampton falls aforesaid, the whole being bounded Northerly by a Highway leading from said Hampton-falls to Exeter—Easterly by a Lane or Way leading from said Highway to land lately James Stanion's, Southerly by Land in Possession of Jonathan Stanion & Westerly by Land of Hilyard Shaw with the Appurtenances to the said half belonging—That the same action at the next Inferior Court was tried & Judgment rendered in favour of the said Jonathan Swett, from which, the said Jonathan Moulton as Guardian aforesaid

appealed to the then next Superior Court of Judicature, when & where the Appeal was entered & Judgment rendered for the Appellants—upon which a Writ of Possession was sued out, & the Premises sued for delivered to the said Guardian for the Use of his Wards—That the said Jonathan Swett at the Superior Court of Judicature held at Portsmouth aforesaid brought an Action of Review, which was committed to a Jury duly impanelled & sworn who return'd a verdict for reversion of the former Judgment, Restitution of the premises sued for, & Costs of Courts—Upon which the Counsel for the said Guardian moved in Arrest of Judgment, & the Cause was continued from Term to Term untill August Term A D 1766, when Judgment upon the Verdict was arrested—That by means thereof the said Jonathan Swett hath ever since been deprived of the Benefit of his Law and the profits of said Land—And humbly praying that he may be enabled to review again the same Action at the Superior Court of Judicature for said County & have a trial upon the Merits of the Cause—

The Parties aforesaid having been heard before the General Court by their Counsell, & the Facts alledged in the petition having been surported, & the prayer thereof appearing reasonable—

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same that the said Jonathan Swett be, & he is hereby Authorized, impowered & enabled to review again the same Action at the Superior Court of Judicature for the County of Rockingham & have a Trial upon the Merits of the Cause, at any time within three Years from the passing this Act and not afterwards.—

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING ELEVEN HUNDRED & TWENTY FIVE MEN BESIDES OFFICERS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES.

[Passed June 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 29; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 109. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 180.]

Whereas it is recommended by the Honourable committee of Congress as well as by his Excellency the commander in chief that this state should raise nine hundred & forty five men besides officers of the militia of this State to proceed immediately for the defence of the united states which recommendation appears just & reasonable

Be it therefore enacted by the council & house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that there be nine hundred & forty

five good & effective men raised within this state besides officers & that the same be formed into two regiments and be under the commander in chief for the defence of the united states. And that the Committee of Safety shall immediately give orders to each & every of the Colonels or commanders of regiments in this state to raise their quotas thereof as follows viz^t Col^o Wentworths regiment including the independent companys of Col^o Langdon & Col^o Sherburne one captain one Lieutenant & one ensign & seventy privates. Col^o Evans's regiment one captain two Lieutenants one Ensign & eighty six privates. Col^o Moultons regiment one Captain one Ensign & forty privates. Col^o Gilmans regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & fifty five privates. Col John Websters regiment one Captain one Ensign & thirty five privates. Col^o Gregs regiment one Captain one Ensign & thirty three privates. Col Gales regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & fifty five privates. Col^o Nicholls's regiment one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign & seventy four privates. Col Kellys regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & sixty five privates. Col. Badgers regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & fifty five privates. Col Sticknys regiment one Captain two Lieutenants one Ensign & eighty two privates. Col McClarys regiment one Captain one Ensign & thirty six privates. Col David Websters regiment one Lieutenant & nineteen privates. Col^l Ellis's regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & sixty eight privates Col^o Hales regiment one Captain one Lieutenant one Ensign & sixty three privates. Col Bellows's regiment one Captain one Lieutenant & forty five privates. Col Morys regiment one Lieutenant one Ensign & twenty six privates. Col Chases regiment one Captain one Ensign & thirty six privates. Conway company two privates.

And the Colonells or commanders of the several regiments aforesaid shall forthwith give orders to the captains & commanders of the several companys in their respective regiments accordingly to raise their respective quotas of the privates. And the Colonel with the field officers of each regiment shall also agree upon & draft the respective commission officers hereby respectively required. And the Captains or commanders of companys shall raise their respective quotas by inlistment or draft having regard as well to the alarm list men as to the train band. And each man drafted or inlisted shall furnish himself with a good firelock bayonet if to be had cartouch box knapsack & blanket and shall serve for three months after their arrival at the place of rendezvous appointed by the commander in chief. And the officers & men shall receive the same pay depreciation & rations as the continental army. And the committee of safety shall divide & arrange the whole number of officers and privates into two regiments containing eight companys each, and the adjutants and quarter masters shall be taken from the subaltern officers of the line. And

whereas it is found necessary pursuant to a resolution of Congress for that purpose that a company of sixty men should be raised for the defence of piscataqua harbour & two companys of sixty men each for the defence of the western frontiers besides officers Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid that one hundred & eighty good and effective men be immediately raised by inlistment or draft for that purpose by orders from the committee of safety in the same manner & form as is herein provided for raising the said nine hundred & forty five and upon the same pay to serve until the last day of December next. And the said three companys shall be officerd with one captain one Lientenant & one ensign for each company to be appointed by the general court and commissioned by the president. And the proportion of said three Companys to be raised in each regiment shall be as follows. viz^t for the defence of the harbour Col. Wentworths regiment including said independent companys 14. Col Evans 17. Col Moultons 8. Col Gilmans 10. Col. Gales 11. And for the Frontiers Col John Websters regiment 6. Col Greggs 6. Col Nicholls 14. Col Kelleys 12. Col Badgers 10. Col Stickneys 15. Col McClarys 7. Col. David Websters 4. Col Ellis's 13. Col Hales 12. Col Bellows's 9. Col Moreys 5. Col. Chases 7. And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that each and every person drafted in pursuance of this act that shall not proceed immediately in the service for which he shall be so draughted shall be liable to the same fines forfeitures pains & penaltys to be applied in the same manner as is provided in and by an act of this state made this present session intituled "An Act for raising six hundred men towards compleating the batalions of this State in the continental army" in like Cases. And each person drafted or inlisted shall be paid travell mony two dollers a mile from his home to the Place where he draws continental rations. And the committee of Safety shall have power in the recess of the court to appoint officers & Surgeons that may be necessary for any regiments or companys order'd to be raised this present Session

And the said three companys shall be armed as above mentioned saving that the two companies for the frontiers may have hatchets instead of bayonets

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING ELEVEN THOUSAND & TWO HUNDRED
HUNDRED WEIGHT OF BEEF WITHIN THIS STATE FOR THE
USE OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY

[Passed June 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 30; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 102. Laws 1780 ed., p. 174.]

Whereas the Congress of the united states by their act of the 25th of February last among other things did resolve that this state should raise & furnish 11200 hundred weight of beef toward the support of the continental army to be delivered as the commander in chief should order and direct and whereas the state is now called upon to deliver the same monthly beginning the first day of July next.

Be it therefore enacted by the councill & house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that the said quantity of eleven thousand & two hundred hundred weight of beef be raised & paid by an equal proportion on the several towns parishes & districts within this state in five equal payments, monthly, beginning the first day of July next, to such commissary as shall be appointed to receive the same for & towards the support of the continental army, agreeable to the resolution of Congress. And the same shall be proportioned and divided among the towns parishes & districts as in this act is hereafter mentioned. and the committee of Safety shall immediately give orders to the selectmen of each town parish or district within this state for raising & paying their respective proportions thereof. And the selectmen shall immediately on receiving orders for that purpose proceed to purchase beef Cattle & put them to pasture at the cost of the town parish or district and keep the same in readiness so as to answer their proportion monthly if required. And shall deliver them to the collector general or his order at such times as he shall appoint from time to time. And the said selectmen are hereby authorized to raise by assessment in the usual way all such sum & sums of mony as may be requisite for the purpose aforesaid.

And the proportion shall be as follows viz^t

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY

	Pounds		Pounds
Allenstown	1770	Londonderry	26760
Atkinson	6608	Loudon	7182
Bow	3794	Northwood	4692
Brintwood	13745	North Hampton	8929
Candia	9688	Newington	6801
Chichester	6520	Newtown	5709
Concord	13183	Nottingham	11430
Chester	22094	New Market	12177
Canterbury	7956	Portsmouth	32513
Northfield	3025	Plastow	6250
Deerfield	15755	Pelham	9142
Epping	20428	Poplin	6832
Epsom	5033	Pembroke	9340
Exeter	19502	Rye	9117
Greenland	8819	Raymond	8407
Hampstead	8372	Sandown	7070
Hampton	13008	Salem	11454
Hampton falls	8479	Stratham	13456
Hawke	5968	Seabrook	6099
Kensington	11571	South Hampton	7971
Kingston	11541	Windham	6978
East Kingston	6044	New Castle	2212
		Sum Total	443,414

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

	pounds		pounds
Barnstead	3885	Madbury	6919
Barrington	14879	Middleton	3334
Campton	2839	Meredith	5283
Conway	3959	Moultonborough	4582
Dover	20656	New Durham	3296
Durham	14272	Rochester	19187
Gilmantown	13303	Sanborntown	8145
New Durham Gore	3836	Sandwich	5303
Ossipee Gore	1528	Somersworth	10211
New Holderness	2769	Tamworth	2152
New Hampton	2662	Tuftonborough	1223
Effingham	1238	Wolfborough	3875
Lee	11038	Wakefield	5535
		Sum Total	175909

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Pounds			
Amherst	19650	Hancock	1177
Antrim	2233	Litchfeild	3663
Andover	3049	Lyndsborough	8804
Bedford	7149	New Ipswich	13731
Boscawen	7547	New London	1153
New Bradford	706	Mason	7098
New Boston	7831	Merimac	6935
Derryfield	3086	Nottingham west	8993
Dering	3738	Perrystown	1811
Duxbury & Mile-slip	1190	Peterborough	7921
Dunbarton	6277	Peterborough Slip	1568
Dunstable	7007	Raby	1909
Francestown	3656	Salisbury	9240
Fishers feild	2173	Society Land	882
Goffestown	8131	Temple	6026
Heniker	5189	Weare	12264
Hillsborough	4760	Warner	3412
Holles	16614	Wilton	9268
Hopkinton	13928		
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CHESHIRE COUNTY

pounds		pounds	
Alstead	6038	Marlborough	4916
Ackworth	3415	Newport	3250
Charlestown	9937	Plainfield	7067
Cornish	7067	Packersfield	4254
Claremont	8650	Protect worth	1061
Croydon	3151	Rindge	10,998
Chesterfield	9576	Richmond	10,070
Dublin	5205	Swanzey	9016
Fitz William	5467	Surry	3339
Gilsom	2796	Saville	1500
Grantham	1270	Stoddard	4726
Hinsdale	3747	Unity	3,180
Jaffrey	7326	Walpole	11,217
Keene	11,309	Westmoreland	10,660
Lemster	3180	Winchester	9,614
Marlow	3179	Washington	3,857
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		Total	190038

COUNTY OF GRAFTON

		Pounds	oz
Alexandria		1949	
Apthorp		850	
Bath		2828	
Canaan		1837	
	lb		
Cockermouth	1914	7464	
Cockbourn	706	73463	
Cardigan	1765		
Colebourn	706	80927lb	
Dorchester	1,024		
Grafton	1,765		
Gunthwaite	2,473		
Haverhill	5,465		
Hanover	8,832		
Lancaster	873		
Lebanon	7,066		
Lime	5,299		
Liman	1,765		
Landaff	1,059		
Morristown	1,412		
New Chester	2,532		
Northumberland	1,036		
Orford	4,947		
Plymouth	5,642		
Piermont	3,533		
Relhan <i>alias</i> Enfield	2,473		
Romney	3,055		
Stratford	939		
Shelburne	1,061		
Thornton	2,434		
Warren	1,061		
Wentworth	1035		
Dartmouth	707		
Tract of Land adjoining Haverhill & Warren	884		
		73463	

And Be it farther enacted by the authority aforesaid that Capt Eliphalet Giddinge of Exeter be and hereby is appointed collector general of s^d beef within this state, who is hereby empowered by himself or such person or persons as he shall appoint to estimate the weight of all live beef cattle that he shall receive from the selectmen or others by their order within this state and to keep just and true accounts thereof and also to give proper receipts for

the same and to deliver said beef cattle to the commissary general or his order for the use of the United states taking a proper receipt for the same. And in case the selectmen or other persons delivering said beef cattle by their order shall not be satisfied with the estimation of the weight thereof made by said collector or his deputy the partys may choose indeffirent persons to estimate the same according to their best judgment under oath if required. And the said Collector general shall make up & settle his accounts with the general court or Committee of safety and shall be allowd for all disbursements & charges in collecting driving & foraging said beef cattle as well within this state as in driving them to their place of destination. And every town parish or district furnishing their proportion of said beef shall on producing a certificate from the collector general or his deputy be allowd & paid for the same out of the treasury of this state at the rate of thirty three shillings a hundred to be paid in the new emission of mony to be issued by resolve of congress & act of this state as soon as such town parish or district shall have settled & paid into the treasury of this state all their past state & continentall taxes including the present years tax. But in case any town parish or district shall neglect to raise their respective proportion of said beef & to deliver the same to the collector general or his deputy they respectively shall forfeit & pay as a fine for the use of this state the full value of the beef required of them computed as above and the same shall be added to their next state & continental tax without any farther tryal or proof than the want of a certificate that the same has been delivered

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO IMPOWER CERTAIN PERSONS TO OPEN A CERTAIN RIVER IN HAMPTON IN ORDER TO DRAIN THE MARSH.

[Passed June 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 31 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 100.]

Whereas Samuel Jenness Jeremiah Dearburn Benjamin Philbrick and John Lamprey jun^r have petitioned the general court setting forth that there is a certain piece of salt marsh and meadow land lying in Hampton & North hampton containing about one hundred & twenty acres that for some years past has been made salt marsh by a river running through the seawall beach so called but for three years past the said river hath been stoped by means of gravell & stones washing into the same and thereby the said marsh & meadow land was dammified Wherefore they prayed that they might be impowered to clear out said river & let the

water off said marsh & meadow land at the proper cost of the owners thereof and to assess the said owners for that purpose which appearing to be reasonable

Be it therefore enacted by the council and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that the said Samuel Jenness Jeremiah Derburn Benjamin Philbrick & John Lamprey jun, or the major part of them be and hereby are appointed a committee to clear out said river & let the water off said marsh and meadow land at the cost of the owners thereof in proportion to each man's interest therein and to make an assessment or assessments for the same from time to time as occasion may require & to appoint a collector and cause the same to be collected as town charges are usually collected. This act to continue and be in force for the space of Ten Years, & no longer.

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT REGULATING THE MANNER IN WHICH CERTAIN JUDGEMENTS OF THE SUPERIOR COURT HELD AT DOVER IN MAY 1780 AGAINST ELIPHALET LADD & KINSMAN PEVERLY SHALL BE SATISFIED & PAID

[Passed June 28, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 32; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 117.]

Whereas Eliphalet Ladd of Exeter Merchant hath represented to the General Assembly That at the Superior Court of Judicature held at Dover in & for the County of Strafford in said State on the twenty third Day of May 1780 Jonathan Warner Woodbury Langdon & Joshua Wentworth Esq^{ts} made Report in sundry Actions between certain French Gentlemen, And the said Ladd Kinsman Peverly and Samuel Briard That the said Ladd & Peverly should pay to the Gentlemen who were original Pla^{ts} certain Sums of money mentioned in said Report amounting to about eight thousand Pounds in the whole—That at the Said Court he said Ladd moved to have the same Matter recommitted to the referees to divide the Sum & award one half said Sum against him the other half said Sum against the said Peverly which said Ladd understood said Referrees were ready to do—That thereupon it was agreed by the Parties that Execution upon said Award should be levied upon the Estate of said Peverly to Satisfy one Moiety of the same if the said Peverly's Estate should be sufficient therefor if not upon Said Peverlys Estate as far as the same should be sufficient—That in consequence of said Agreement which was then

recorded he said Ladd conceived himself liable to pay only half said Sum knowing that said Peverly owned sufficient Estate to pay one half of the sum so recovered of which Estate he said Ladd has since informed the Agent of the original Pla^{ts} And Stands ready to shew the Sheriff to levy the moiety of said Execution on according to said Agreement But that the said Agent refuses to levy said Execution according to said Agreement but insists upon the levying said Execution wholly upon him the said Ladd—And therefore he hath prayed the Interposition of this Assembly to prevent said Execution from being served upon him contrary to said Agreement which appearing reasonable—therefore

Be it Enacted By the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That the Executions in favour of said original Pla^{ts} viz^t John Larreguay Michael Gerraud & Mons^r Delestrade ag^t said Lad & Peverly be forthwith returnd into the Clerks office of the said Superior Court and that the said Ladd be liable to satisfy but a Moiety of the sum each of the said original Pla^{ts} respectively recovered judgement against him & the said Peverly for, & upon Nonpayment thereof immediately, that Execution issue against him for the Same And that Execution for the other Moiety issue against the Said Peverly directed to the Sheriff of the County of Strafford and that the same be levied upon the Estate of the Said Peverly for satisfying the same so far as said Estate shall be sufficient & that the Said Ladd be liable for what of said Moiety the said Estate shall be insufficient to pay and execution shall issue against him accordingly.

Provided Nevertheless that the said Ladd shall shew the said Sheriff (when required) Estate of the said Peverly whereon to levy said Execution otherwise that he Said Ladd be liable to pay & satisfy the whole of said Sums.

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR VESTING IN THE SEVERAL PERSONS THEREIN
NAMED THE FEE OF CERTAIN LOTS OF LAND IN PROTECT-
WORTH—

[Passed June 28, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 33; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 114.]

Whereas it has been represented to the General Assembly That Samuel Stevens Nathaniel Clark Nicholas Hardy Zephaniah Petty David Bean Thomas Gordon jun^r Isaac Sanborn Abraham Sanborn Daniel Clark Moses Elkins David Hall Moses Calfe Moses

Loveren Nathaniel Little & Ebenezer Loveren had each of them in consequence of an Agreement made with the late Governor John Wentworth Esq^r entered severally & made improvements upon certain Seventy five Acre Lots in the Township of Protect-worth and Matthew Pettingal upon two of the said seventy five Acre Lots in said Township upon his the said Wentworths promise to convey said Lots to them respectively And that the said Governor had engaged to give & convey to one Bela Turner three hundred Acres of Land in said Township to cut & make a good Road from the Northwest Corner to the center thereof which said three hundred Acres the said Turner has sold to Jacob Heath Ezekiel Heath & Daniel Heath—& that the said Road is compleated—And the said Persons have petitioned to be quieted in the possession of the respective Lots of Land and that the fee thereof may be vested in them their respective heirs & Assigns which representation appearing true & the Petition reasonable, & that the granting it will promote the Settlement of the said Township—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the Same that the Said Samuel Stevens Nathaniel Clark Nicholas Hardy Zephaniah Petty David Bean Thomas Gordon jun^r Isaac Sanborn Abraham Sanborn Daniel Clark Moses Elkins David Hall Moses Calfe Moses Loveren Nathaniel Little & Ebenezer Loveren each shall have hold & enjoy the seventy five acre Lot in said Township on which they have respectively made improvements & that the fee thereof be vested in them their several & respective heirs & Assigns—& that the fee of the two Seventy five Acre Lots in said Township on which the said Matthew Pettingall has made improvements be vested in him his heirs & Assigns—And the Clerk of the Proprietors of said Township is hereby authorized to record the Names of the said Persons in said Proprietors Records as Settlers for those original Grantees whose shares were owned by the said Wentworth—Provided the aforementioned Persons their respective heirs or Assigns shall be actually settled on said Lots respectively within one Year from the passing this act & shall dwell there three Years after such Settlement—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Jacob Heath Daniel Heath & Ezekiel Heath shall have the said Three hundred Acres as their own Proper Estate to hold to them their heirs & Assigns in fee simple forever—Provided the same be laid out in a square form parallel with the lines of the said Township & provided they their heirs & Assigns settle thereon within twelve months from the passing this Act & dwell there three Years and cause the said Road to be compleated (if not already done) to the satisfaction of the Selectmen of said Township

In the House of Representatives June 22^d 1780.

Voted and Resolved that the Widows or next of Kind (kin) to any Officer or Soldier who hath been killed or Dies Intestate in the Army of the united States, Shall be Intitled to receive out of the Treasury all Such Sum & Sums of money as Shall Appear to be due to Such Officer or Soldier at the time of his Death, without Taking Administration thereon—

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives June 23^d 1780.

Voted that Cap^t Seth Fogg of Epping, who was bro't before this house this day to answer to Some Illiberal reflections Cast by him on the General Court now Sitting and refusing to Answer to Certain Interrogatorys Concerning the matter he is accused of—Be forthwith Committed to the Prison in Exeter, there to remain without Bail or Mainprize untill further order of this Court or the Committee of Safety of this State, and that the President give order Accordingly—

Council concurred same day.

[*Fifth Session, October 11, 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30, 31; November 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 1780.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DOCK THE ENTAIL OF A LOT OF LAND IN PORTSMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM & STATE AFORESAID—

[Passed Oct. 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 34; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 134.]

Whereas Ruth Nudd of said Portsmouth Widow Petitioned the General Assembly of the Province of New Hampshire in the year 1756 Setting forth That her former Husband John Gains had Purchased a Lot of Land in said Portsmouth of William Vaughan Esq^r & had Built thereon which Land afterwards upon better Scrutiny into the Title was found to be Entaild by George Vaughan the father of the said William without his design by the unskilfulness of the scribe who Drafted his Will as has appeard on examination of Facts Since the Decease of the said George Vaughan. That Elliot Vaughan the next Heir in Tail Since the Decease of the said W^m has Demanded the said Lot of Land & Buildings thereon by Virtue of his Title to the Land & as the said John Gains had been at Considerable expence in building on said Land the said Widow to save the Estate to the Heirs of the said John Gains was advised to Purchase the Land again which she Actually did whereupon the said Elliot Consented to passing an Act to Dock the Entail of said Land which by reason of the minority of the Heirs of the said John the Possesson of his Widow & other Impediments could not be done by a Common Recovery as she was advised—That the said Elliot Vaughan is Since Deceased but has left a son William who has the same Claim that his father had whereby the owners of the Land are in Danger of being Necessitated to Purchase the said Land a third time—But tho' this matter has been Prosecuted so far as obtaining leave to bring in an Act for the Docking said Intail Yet the Condition of having it passed with a Suspending Clause has been a reason for waiting a More favorable Opportunity which the Heirs of Said Gains hope now Occurs as the said Entail was made without Design of the Testator and is collected from Words of Implication & the said Land has been paid for twice already & to

Prevent any further Injury to the Heirs of the Purchaser Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council & Assembly of the State aforesaid & it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same That the said Entail made by the Will of the said George Vaughan of the Lot of Land where the Dwelling House of George Gains Son & Heir of the said John Gains now stands be & hereby is Dockt Cut off & barred & all Reversions & Remainders thereof utterly vacated & renderd & Declared to be wholly Null & void as if no such Entail had ever been made whether the said Entail was made by Express Words in the said Will or by any Implication of any expressions therein Contained or by any Inference & Interpretation of the same or by any construction whatsoever and it is hereby further Enacted that this Act of Reversing & Vacating the said Entail shall extend not only to y^e Lot of Land where the House of the said George Gains now stands but to all other Lots of Land of the said George held in the Right aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO SURVEY AND ESTABLISH THE BOUNDS OF SUNDRY TOWNS IN THE COUNTYS OF GRAFTON AND STRAFFORD.

[Passed Oct. 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 35; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 160. See additional act of Nov. 24, 1781.]

Whereas the agents for the proprietors of sundry towns in the county of Grafton have petitioned the general court setting forth that the several townships of Lyme Dorchester and Cockermouth Plymouth Orford Wentworth Runny Campton Piermont Warren Trecothick Thornton Haverhill and Coventry were granted by charters to contain certain quantitys of land respectively described by length of line and point of compass in said charters mentioned depending the one upon the other and that the same were never ascertained by any proper metes & bounds named in said charters And that the said townships have never been laid out by any other authority than each set of proprietors laying out their own respective townships That the said petitioners conceived there was land enough if properly laid out to satisfy each charter although by means of each Township being laid out by its own respective proprietors and by mistakes in their measuring the length of lines and in the points of compass they run also by means of some of the above mentioned charters interfering with each other some towns encroach several miles upon others and some towns that should be six miles square have not more than about four miles

square left for them. And that scarce one of said towns can ascertain where their true boundaries ought to be or what or how much land each town ought to tax towards the publick charge Neither can they lay out their land into lots & enjoy them without danger of endless lawsuits: wherefore they prayed that Ebenezer Thompson Joseph Badger Ebenezer Smith Levy Dearburn and John Smith Esq^{rs} might be appointed by an act for that purpose a committee to survey and lay out by sufficient metes and bounds all the townships aforesaid or so many of them as signed said petition according to charters and to make return thereof into the secretarys office And the survey and return of them or any three of them Might be binding upon all parties Provided that no settler should be disturbed in the possession of the lot he has improved upon under any of the townships aforesaid, but that the proprietries whose land he hath wrongfully taken up shall be satisfied out of the unimproved lands of the proprietors under whom any such settler respectively settled And that said survey and return might be made at the expence of the proprietors represented in said petition And whereas the facts set forth as aforesaid appear to be true and the prayer of said petition is reasonable & just & altho publick notice thereof hath been given no person hath appeared to oppose the same Therefore

Be it enacted by the councill & house of representatives and by the authority of the same that the said Ebenezer Thompson Joseph Badger Ebenezer Smith Levi Derburn and John Smith Esquires or the major part of them be and hereby are appointed a committee to survey & lay out by proper metes and bounds the following townships being all that are represented by their agents signing the aforesaid petition Namely Rumney Wentworth Warren Plymouth Campton Piermont & Orford at the expence of the proprietors thereof according to their respective charters and also to survey run or measure so much of the lines or boundarys of any or all of the other townships mentioned in the preamble of this Act according to their respective charters as may be judged necessary for the true investigating, and ascertaining the boundarys of the said seven townships last above mentioned proceeding always according to seniority of the respective charters, and giving reasonable notice to the selectmen of each township intended to be surveyed in whole or in part forty eight hours at least beforehand of the time intended for making said survey. And a return of such survey made into the secretarys office under the hands of said committee or any three or more of them in one year from the passing of this act shall be binding and conclusive in law upon all persons & partys whatsoever Provided that no person or persons who have actually settled & made improvements upon any lot or lots under any of the townships aforesaid shall be disturbed or removed from his or their quiet possession of such lot or lots in case the proprietors under whom he or they respec-

tively claim shall upon request lay out of their unimproved land an equivalent therefor, in quantity & quality to the person or propriety whose land has been thus wrongfully taken and improved And such proprietors respectively are hereby required to lay out such equivalent lands at the request of such settler whenever the case may so require.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ALTER THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF STRATHAM IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM AND STATE AFORESAID FROM THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF MARCH TO THE FOURTH MONDAY OF THAT MONTH ANNUALLY—.

[Passed Oct. 27, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 36; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 171.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of said Stratham by their Agent Mark Wiggin Esq^r Petitioned the General Court of said State, setting forth, That the Inhabitants of said Stratham had long experienced the great Inconvenience of holding their annual Town Meetings on the twenty Fifth day of March being the day fixed therefor, which sometimes happened on Saturday when there was not time to do the Business without an Adjournment, sometimes on Sunday, when the Business could not be done. To avoid which Inconvenience, the said Inhabitants prayed that their annual Meetings might be holden In future on the fourth Monday of March Which Petition being Considered and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable, Therefore Be it Enacted & it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives, for said State, That the annual Meetings of the Town of Stratham aforesaid shall be held on the fourth Monday of March Annually, forever hereafter, any Law, usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE BENJAMIN ARCHER TO RETURN SUNDRY
EXECUTIONS.

[Passed Oct. 28, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 37; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 123.]

Whereas Benjamin Archer lately a deputy Sheriff for the county of Cheshire hath petitioned the general court praying leave to compleat the returns of sundry executions which he served before the present revolution, for reasons mentioned in his petition, viz one execution for William Hildreth against Josiah Chaney, one execution for Elisha Knap against said Josiah Chaney, and one execution for Josiah Richardson against said Josiah Chaney, all which executions were returnable to the inferiour court of common pleas which should have been held at Charlestown for said County of Cheshire in April Anno Domini 1775; which petition appearing to be just & reasonable, Therefore

Be it enacted by the councill and house of representatives & by the Authority of the same, that the said Benjamin Archer be and hereby is fully authorized and impowered to compleat the returns on said executions in all respects as he lawfully might have done to the aforesaid Court to which they were returnable, and to return the same to the next inferiour court for said County of Cheshire; which executions & the service thereof, being so compleated & returnd as aforesaid, shall be good and valid in law, to all intents and purposes as if the same had been returned to the aforesaid inferior court at Charlestown in April Anno Domini 1775, of which all partys are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR SUSPENDING THE PAYMENT OF THE TAXES & SALE OF ALL THE UNIMPROVED LANDS BELONGING TO THE ESTATE OF THE LATE THOMAS PACKER OF PORTSMOUTH ESQ^r DECEAS'D.—

[Passed Oct. 30, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 38; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 169.]

Whereas Thomas Packer of Greenland Gentleman hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State—setting forth that by a certain paper purporting a Will of his late father Thomas Packer afores^d deceas'd, a large quantity of unimproved Lands lying within said State are devised to the petitioner his eldest son, and son of the s^d eldest son for their respective lives only—and after their death to go to John Wentworth Esq^r late Governor of the Province of N: Hampshire—which said Will is now contesting in the Law. for which, and other good reasons, praying there may be a suspension of taxes, or the payment thereof, until said contest be decided—And the principal facts contained in said Petition appearing true, and the prayer thereof reasonable—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General-Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same—That all sales of unimproved Lands belonging to s^d Estate for taxes be, and hereby are, suspended, until the contest concerning the validity of said Will shall be decided in the Law—provided the said Petitioner give seasonable notice to all Constables and Collectors of taxes to forbear proceeding therein.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF WILLS &c FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM IN THE STATE AFORESAID TO GRANT ADMINISTRATION DE BONIS &c ON THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH WILLS LATE OF PORTSMOUTH IN SAID COUNTY DEC^d INTESTATE.

[Passed Oct. 30, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 39; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 141. See additional act of Nov. 10, 1780.]

Whereas James Gooch of said Portsmouth Merchant hath petitioned the General Court for said State, setting forth, That Joseph Wills late of said Portsmouth Mariner died in the year 1766—Intestate, upon whose Estate (consisting of an house and lot of Land in said Portsmouth and a small personal Estate) George Meserve late of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r now an Absentee, took Administration, rendered an Inventory thereof, exhibited a list of claims against the Estate and represented it Insolvent. Whereupon Commissioners were appointed to examine the Claims against the Estate. That no Administration Account was ever rendered by said Administrator and that y^e Estate was unsettled. In this Situation the Adm^r left it when he absented himself from this State and as he was disabled from farther Administering it was necessary an Adm^r de Bonis non &c should be appointed, Which the said Judge thought under the circumstances of the particular case, he was not by Law warranted to do—wherefore the said James (who married the only child of the Intestate) prayed that said Judge might be enabled to grant Administration de Bonis non &c of the said Estate. Which Petition being read and considered and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable; Therefore, Be it Enacted & it is hereby enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened That the Judge of The Probate of Wills &c for the County aforesaid shall be and hereby is fully enabled & empowered to Grant Administration of the Estate of the said Joseph unadministered by the said George Meserve, in the same manner, as if the said George Meserve was really dead; and to do any other acts or things touching the said Estate The said Joseph Wills and the Settlement thereof as fully to all Intents and purposes as by law he might do in other cases where Administration is or might be granted upon the Estate of any Intestate not administered by a former Administrator.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ELIZABETH BUTTLER WIFE OF EDWARD BUTTLER TO SELL AND CONVEY REAL ESTATE, SHE HOLDS IN HER OWN RIGHT—FOR THE SUPPORT OF HERSELF AND CHILDREN IN THE ABSENCE OF HER HUSBAND.

[Passed Oct. 31, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 40; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 167.]

Whereas Elizabeth Buttler Wife of Edward Buttler late of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State afores^d Mariner, hath, petitioned the General Court for said State, setting forth, that her husband sailed from Portsmouth for the West-Indies near three years ago, leaving her with six children, all under age, without sufficient means of Support. That her husband had been absent ever since in all which time She had never received any Intelligence or supplies from him; had, (since the trifle left her was expended) been obliged to shift for herself and children, but was at last unable to do it any longer. That She held in her own Right in Fee Simple a considerable Real Estate in Portsmouth and other Towns in this State: That the Estate She owned out of the Town of Portsmouth consisted of wild lands, the Profits of which were nothing, but the taxes thereon considerable, as the long, unexpected absence of her husband rendered his speedy return more precarious and as her necessitous condition Required immediate relief, She therefore prayed to be enabled to sell for the Support of herself and children, so much of her said Estate from time to time, as should be sufficient for that purpose.

Which Petition being considered and the prayer thereof appearing highly reasonable, Therefore Be it Enacted & it is hereby, Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd, That the said Elizabeth Buttler be and hereby is fully enabled and empowered to sell and convey for the support of herself and children so much of her said Estate from time to time, during the absence of her said husband, as shall be sufficient for the purpose aforesaid And that the said Elizabeth, notwithstanding her Coverture, shall be and hereby is capacitated and empowered to make execute and acknowledge any deed or deeds of Sale of any part of said Estate for the purpose aforesaid, and thereby to convey the Right and Title She has therein to the Purchaser or Purchasers as effectually, as if the same deed or deeds had been executed by the said Edward Buttler & Elizabeth his said Wife.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN BLAZO TO REVIEW AND PROSECUTE
AN ACTION OF EJECTMENT AGAINST REUBEN SANBORN.

[Passed Nov. 1, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 41; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 152.]

Whereas John Blazo of Chichester in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Yeoman, petitioned the General Assembly of said State, setting forth—That Reuben Sanborn of Epsom in said County Yeoman brought an Action of Ejectment against the said John Blazo at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for said County on the first Tuesday of May A. D. 1773 wherein the said Reuben demanded the possession of Fifty acres of Land more or less, situate in Chichester aforesaid with the appurtenances thereof—When and where the cause was tried and Judgment rendered for the said John Blazo, from which, the said Reuben appealed to the next Superior Court of Judicature for the County aforesaid, when & where the case was tried and Judgment rendered. That afterward the said John reviewed the same action at the Superior Court of Judicature held at Portsmouth in and for said County on the first Tuesday of March A. D. 1775, when and where Judgment was rendered for the said Reuben. From which Judgment the said John moved for an Appeal to the then Court of Appeals—Whereupon an appraisement of the land was ordered by the said Superior Court to be made, which land with the appurtenances, was valued by three persons under oath, named in the same order at Six hundred pounds lawful money, as by their return remaining in the Office of said Superior Court appears.

But before the return could be made, the said Court of Appeals was abolished, by means of which the said John was deprived of another Trial, which before the Abolition of said Court of Appeals he was entitled to, and which, the Act for abolishing that Court grants in all cases wherein appeals had been made there. That though the said John's case was not expressed in the same Act, yet the reasons for granting another Trial, in the cases mentioned therein, were equally strong for granting it in his case. That as the said John had taken the land from which he had been ejected, from the hand of Nature, and by honest Industry for a long time, raised it to its present Value, after having fairly purchased the same, of all which he must be forever deprived unless another trial should be granted. Wherefore he prayed that he might have liberty to review again the same Action within a reasonable time at the Superior Court of Judicature for y^e County

aforesaid. Whereupon after due notice given & a full and fair hearing of the parties, it appears reasonable that the prayer of said Petition should be granted and that the said John Blazo have liberty to bring in a Bill accordingly. And whereas the said John realizing that such a Bill had passed accordingly, brought an Action of Review of the said action of Ejectment against the said Reuben Sanborn at the last Term of the Superior Court of Judicature holden at Exeter in and for said County of Rockingham on the first Tuesday of September last. Which action of Review afores^d was continued to the next Term of said Superior Court and is now pending therein. And Whereas the sustaining said Action of Review so commenced and now pending, will not be productive of any injury to either party & as it may tend to expedite the decision of the cause. Therefore Be it enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the said Superior Court be and hereby are fully enabled & impowered to sustain, hear, try and determine the said action of Review so commenced and now pending at said Superior Court and to give Judgment therein and award Execution thereon, as effectually, as the said Superior Court are authorized by the Law of this State to do in other actions of Review triable there. And that the said John Blazo be and hereby is authorized and impowered to prosecute and pursue the said action of Review so commenced by him against the said Reuben Sanborn at the last Term of said Superior Court and now pending therein, through the Course of the Law. And in case the said John should fail of having a Trial of the Merits of the cause thereon ; in that case, the said John Blazo shall be and hereby is further impowered to commence and prosecute (through the course of the Law) against the said Reuben Sanborn, any other action of Review of the said Action of Ejectment at said Superior Court, and shall and . . . have a Trial of the merits of his cause thereon and the said Superior Court shall be & hereby are impowered to sustain hear try and determine any such action of Review that may be so brought by the said John Blazo against the said Reuben Sanborn by virtue of this Act, and to give Judgment therein and award Execution thereon, as in any other action of Review triable at said Superior Court. Provided such Action of Review shall be commenced by the said John against the said Reuben within three Years from the passing this act, and not afterwards.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AN ACT PASSED THE TWENTY NINTH DAY OF APRIL LAST "INTITULED AN ACT TO PREVENT THE TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE CATTLE, BEEF, RUM & MOLASSES, OUT OF THIS STATE ALSO ALL OTHER ACTS & RESOLVES OF THIS STATE WHICH MAY HAVE AT ANY TIME HERETOFORE BEEN PASSED PREVENTING THE TRANSPORTATION, OF GOODS, MERCHANDIZE, OR PROVISIONS OUT OF THIS STATE—

[Passed Nov. 1, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 42 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 122. See act of April 29, 1780.]

Whereas the Continuance of the above-mentioned Act & others of the like Nature not appearing Needful Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That the aforementioned Act, & all others laying Embargo's either by Land or Water be & they are hereby Repealed & every part & paragraph thereof declared Null and Void.

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO
 "ENABLE JONATHAN SWETT TO REVIEW A CERTAIN ACTION
 "OF EJECTMENT COMMENCED AGAINST HIM BY JONATHAN
 "MOULTON ESQ^r AS GUARDIAN & C AT THE INFERIOR COURT
 "OF COMMON PLEAS HOLDEN IN JUNE, ONE THOUSAND
 "SEVEN HUNDRED & SIXTY THREE"

[Passed Nov. 3, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 43 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 150. See act of June 24, 1780.]

Whereas the said Jonathan Swett is enabled & impowered in and by the same Act, to review again the action of Ejectment therein mentioned, at the Superior Court of Judicature for the County of Rockingham, and to have a Trial upon the merits of the cause ; at any time within three years from the passing the same Act and not afterwards.—

And whereas the said Jonathan Moulton prosecuted the same Action of Ejectment, as Guardian of Mary Weare Elizabeth Weare and Mehitable Weare named therein, who were then minors, but now all of full age and some married, of which, no notice is taken, nor any directions given in said act, against whom, or in what manner the same action of Review should be supported,—Whence doubts and difficulties may arise, to remove which, and to point out a certain method to carry the design of said Act into Effect. Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd, That it shall and may be lawful for the said Jonathan Swett to commence and prosecute to final Judgment and Execution, said action of Review of the action of Ejectment afores^d against the said Mary, Elizabeth and Mehitable, and the husband or husbands of any of them. And the said Mary, Elizabeth and Mehitable, her and their husband or husbands shall thereby become parties to the Suit, and are hereby impowered to defend the same through the course of the Law, and the said Superior Court, are hereby impowered to hear try, give Judgment and award Execution in said Action of Review, in the same manner, as in any other actions of Review triable there.

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ALTER THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETINGS IN THE TOWN OF BOW IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM AND STATE AFORESAID FROM THE FIRST THURSDAY OF APRIL TO THE FIRST TUESDAY OF MARCH ANNUALLY—

[Passed Nov. 3, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 44; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 130.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of Bow aforesaid, by their Agent John Bryant Esq^r petitioned the General Court of said State, setting forth, that they had found a great Inconvenience in holding their annual Town Meetings on the first Thursday of April being the Day fixed therefor, in their Charter of Incorporation, as it was too late for their Selectmen to enter into Office, and take the annual Inventory in said Town, and therefore praying, That in future, their annual Meetings might be holden in said Town on the first Tuesday of March,

Which Petition being considered, and the Prayer thereof appearing reasonable, Be it Enacted, And it is hereby Enacted, by the Council, and House of Representatives for said State; That the

annual Meetings of the Town of Bow, aforesaid, shall be held on the first Tuesday of March annually for Ever hereafter, any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO RESTORE GEORGE ATKINSON ESQ^r TO HIS LAW & ENABLE HIM TO PROSECUTE AN ACTION COMMENCED AGAINST BENJAMIN WHITING TO FINAL JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION.

[Passed Nov. 4, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p 45; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 137.]

Whereas the said George Atkinson Esq^r hath petitioned the General Assembly of the State, setting forth, That sometime in the month of April 1777, he (in behalf of the late Colonel Atkinson) laid an Attachment on the Estate of Benjamin Whiting of Holles (who had absconded and joined the Enemy) to recover the Sum of one hundred pounds Sterling and Interest thereon due, on a Note of hand dated the 25th day of April 1772 and entered the Action at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas then next following, from which Term it was continued for various reasons to the Term held in February 1779 and then dismissed by virtue of an Act of this State dated December 26th 1778, which orders the dismissal of such Attachments. That the Estate attached was purchased by the said Whiting with the money due as aforesaid, and was borrowed for that Purpose. That, his being the first Attachment there was sufficient, to answer his demand, but if he should be compelled to average it with the other Creditors, he was likely to fall very short of the Sum which was his just Due and which, but for the Act aforesaid, he would undoubtedly have recovered. Wherefore he prayed the Consideration of said Assembly upon the premises and that he might recover the demand aforesaid in such Way and manner as to right and Justice appertains.

Whereupon after due consideration of the Petition it appears just that the said George Atkinson Esq^r should be restored to his Law and have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly. Therefore Be it Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd, That the said George Atkinson Esq^r as Executor of the last Will and Testament of the Hon^{ble} Theodore Atkinson late of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Esq^r

deceased, be and hereby is impowered and enabled to reenter the same Action at the next Term of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas for the County of Rockingham aforesaid, being the same Court in which, the said action was intered and by which the same was dismissed as aforesaid, and as Executor aforesaid to prosecute the same Action to final Judgment and Execution And that the said Attachment made by said Process Shall be & continue in full force in the same manner as if the said action had never been dismissed and as though no confiscation or other attachment had since been made And the death of the said Testator, Since the commencement of said action being entered on the Records of said Court the said George Atkinson Esq^r shall be admitted to become (as Executor aforesaid) Plaintiff in said action in the Stead of the said Testator and in that office to prosecute the same action through the Course of The Law And the Inferior Court of Common Pleas and Superior Court of Judicature for said County of Rockingham are hereby respectively impowered to sustain try, and determine the merits of the cause upon said Action, give Judgment therein and award Execution thereon—as in other actions triable there And shall allow and tax all necessary and reasonable Costs expended in and about said action, Any Law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it is reported that the said Benjamin Whiting is dead, Therefore Be it further Enacted by the Authority afores^d that said George Atkinson Esq^r serve the Wife of the said Whiting with a Copy of this Act, that She may appear and defend said action if She see fit And she is hereby impowered to defend the same action to final Judgment in behalf of her s^d husband. And the said Inferior Court and Superior Court—respectively, are hereby impowered to try give Judgment and award Execution in said action in the same manner as before directed and as though the said Whiting was now in full Life and in case it be hereafter ascertained that the said Whiting is dead, as reported, the same shall not be adjudged any legal Cause for reversing or annulling the Judgment that may be given in said action by virtue of this Act but the same Judgment, and attactment upon said mean process made as afores^d shall remain in full force notwithstanding the death of the said Whiting or any Law or Custom to the contrary.

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ESTHER MESERVE WIFE OF GEORGE MESERVE TO SELL AND CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS IN WOLFBOROUGH AND APPLY THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO THE SUPPORT OF HERSELF AND FAMILY.

[Passed Nov. 4, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8. p. 46; recorded Acts, vol. 4. p. 157. See act of Jan. 5, 1782.]

Whereas Esther Meserve Wife of George Meserve late of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State setting forth, That She at the last Session of said Assembly was indulged with the appointment of a Trustee on the Estate of her said husband, with a design of making Provision for her and family, who were in a destitute, suffering Condition. That the Trustee had upon Examination found some Estate belonging to her absent husband, which might if sold be the means of supporting her and family for sometime; but if the Trustee should follow the Steps directed in such cases the necessary Expenditure in the business would be at least three fourths of the value of the land, which would defeat the benevolent design of the Legislature in her case. Wherefore She prayed to be impowered to sell & convey the land that belonged to her said husband in Wolfborough when he left this State and to apply the Proceeds thereof for the Support of herself and family. Whereupon after due Consideration of y^e Petition it appears reasonable that the prayer thereof should be granted and She have leave to bring in a Bill accordingly. Therefore Be it enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened, That the said Esther Meserve be & hereby is impowered and enabled to sell and convey, for the purpose aforesaid, the Land & other Estate with appurtenances thereof in Wolfborough in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid, that belonged to her said husband, when, he left this State and went to the Enemy—And to make and execute any deed or deeds thereof (as occasion may require) of all the Right and Title, that y^e said George Meserve had therein and thereto when he left this State as aforesaid—Which deed or deeds so made and executed by her shall be good and valid to convey such right and Title to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof. The Coverture of the said Esther or any Law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.—

Provided nevertheless that the Power herein before given the said Esther to sell the said land and Estate as aforesaid, shall not be construed to extend to the Sale of any such Land as her said husband engaged to convey to any Settler or Settlers for doing settling duty for the said George in said Wolfborough, and who have accordingly done the Same.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE WILLIAM EARL TREADWELL WITH PETER PEARSE TO SELL CERTAIN LANDS WHICH SAID TREADWELL HOLDS IN RIGHT OF HIS WIFE TO PAY TAXES.

[Passed Nov 8, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 47; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 128.]

Whereas William Earl Treadwell of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Merchant hath petitioned the General Assembly, setting forth That he is owner in Right of his Wife Mehitable of sundry Tracts of out lands—That the said Mehitable was by divine Providence rendered insane & incapable of making any disposition of the said lands, that the same lands are highly taxed and must be sold by the Collectors for the payment of said Taxes unless a speedy remedy prevent. Wherefore the said Treadwell prayed That he with his Brother in Law Peter Pearse might be impowered to sell five hundred Acres of said out lands or more if necessary to satisfy the Assessments that have and should be made thereon from time to time That so the said lands might not be sold to great disadvantage by the Collectors to satisfy the same. After considering the same Petition, it appears reasonable that the Prayer thereof should be granted. Therefore Be it Enacted & it is hereby enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, That the said William Earl Treadwell and Peter Pearse be and hereby are fully impowered and authorized for the end aforesaid to sell and convey five hundred acres of said out lands, or more if necessary to discharge such Taxes: And to make and execute in their Names good and valid deed and deeds thereof as occasion may require, which deed and deeds being duly executed by them shall Convey to the Purchaser or Purchasers all the Right and Title of the said Treadwell and Mehitable his Wife to the lands therein contained. Any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JONATHAN WARNER ESQ^r TO SELL AND CONVEY LANDS BELONGING TO JOHN TUFTON MASON ESQ^r BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF ATTORNEY FROM THE SAID MASON TO THE SAID WARNER FOR THAT PURPOSE.

[Passed Nov. 8, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 48; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 164.]

Whereas Jonathan Warner of Portsmouth in The County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Assembly of said State setting forth, That, John Tufton Mason Esq^r late of said Portsmouth, more than ten years ago, being about to return to Great Britain, and having considerable landed Interest in this State, lying chiefly within Mason's Patent and Portsmouth aforesaid, gave the said Warner a Power of Attorney to take care of and to sell any part of The said Mason's Interest aforesaid for the payment of such Sums of money as the said Warner had or might advance for the said Mason. That the said Warner had advanced large Sums of Money for repairs of the said Mason's Estate in Portsmouth and payment of Taxes upon his outlands &c and yet is considerably in advance for said Mason and must still continue to pay the Taxes on his Estate from time to time or suffer it to be sold, therefor, contrary to the very design of the Trust reposed in the said Warner. Wherefore he prayed that he might be permitted by virtue of said Power agreeably to the original design thereof to sell and convey such and so much of the Estate of his Constituent as should be sufficient to discharge his just demand against the said Mason and to pay the Taxes that have or may be assessed upon the Estate of the said Mason from time to time as occasion should require any Law of the State to the contrary notwithstanding. Which Petition being read and considered & the prayer thereof appearing reasonable—Therefore Be it Enacted & it is hereby Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the said Jonathan Warner Esq^r be and hereby is permitted and enabled by virtue of said Power of Attorney, agreeably to the original design thereof and by virtue of the Authority given him therein & thereby to sell and convey such and so much of the said Estate of the said Mason as shall be sufficient to discharge the said Warner's demand against the s^d Mason and to pay all Taxes that have, or may be assessed on the Estate of the said Mason from time to time as occasion may require. And for

that purpose, the said Jonathan Warner may by virtue of said Power of Attorney make and execute any deed or Deeds in due form of Law and thereby convey to the Purchaser or Purchasers of any such Lands the Right and Title of his ^sd Constituent therein and thereto Any Law usage or Custom to the contrary Thereof Notwithstanding.—Provided nevertheless that the said Jonathan Warner shall not sell for the purpose of discharging his said demand against the said Mason, more of said Estate than to the amount of Seventy Five Pounds in Bills of the New Emission—and exclusive of said last Sum, no more of said Estate than shall be sufficient to pay said Taxes with incidental charges—

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR GRANTING LIBERTY TO SET UP AND CARRY ON
 A LOTTERY TO RAISE MONEY FOR REPAIRING AND SUPPORT-
 ING STRATHAM & NEWMARKET LOTTERY BRIDGE SO CALLED,
 IN THIS STATE.

[Passed Nov. 9, 1780. Not found in Original Acts. Recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 144.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of several Towns in this State have petitioned the General assembly thereof, setting forth. that said Bridge was Ruinous & almost impassable and unless speedily repaired the great Expence of Building it and the benefit the public might Receive therefrom would be entirely lost. Wherefore they prayed that a Lottery might be granted to raise Money to Repair & Support said Bridge which being Considered & the prayer thereof appearing Reasonable.—

Be it Therefore Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for ^sd State in General Assembly convened. That the persons hereinafter named be & hereby are authorized and permitted to set up and carry on a public Lottery to Raise Money for the end aforesaid, in so many classes or drafts as they shall judge proper, not exceeding the sum of Two Thousand Pounds in Bills of the New Emission—Provided the said Lottery be drawn and finished within two Years from the passing this Act and Provided also the Inhabitants of said Stratham & Newmarket proceed and immediately Repair said Bridge and make it passable, the charge of which shall be paid them out of the Money Raised by said Lottery by the Managers thereof. And Cap^t Hubertis Neal M^r Wentworth Cheswell Josiah Adams Esq^r

Maj^r Mark Wiggin & Simon Wiggin Esq^r or the major part of them are hereby appointed to be Managers of said Lottery who shall be under Oath, to be administered by any Justice of the Peace, to the faithful discharge of their Trust and shall duly pay all Benefit Tickets according to the Tenor & meaning of their Scheme and shall refund all sum or sums of Money that shall be paid for said Tickets in case the said Lottery shall not be drawn & finished within the Term afores^d And the Managers or major part of them are hereby appointed and authorized to apply the Money Which they shall so Raise to pay the charge, the said Towns of Stratham & Newmarket may be at in the immediate Repair of said Bridge in manner as aforesaid and the Residue of said Money so Raised for and towards the support and Repair of said Bridge as occasion may Require. And the said Managers shall be allowed their Reasonable demand for their time and Trouble about the Business as the General Assembly may judge proper, to whom said Managers shall Render Account of their Proceedings and of all charges and Demands concerning the Premises. And the arches and Water Courses to the same Bridge belonging shall be & Remain the same only that part of said Bridge over the Passage for Vessels shall be subject to be altered and made in any manner that Maj^r James Hacket M^r Joseph Gilman & Enoch Coffin Esq^r may think more convenient for that purpose—

And Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that if any person or persons shall wittingly & willingly destroy or damage said Bridge or part thereof, such offender or offenders shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding Two Thousand Pounds for every such offence to be Recovered by Indictment or presentment of the Grand Jury and to be applied for and towards the support and Repair of said Bridge—

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SARAH PRESTON, WIFE OF WILLIAM PRESTON LATE OF PORTSMOUTH IN THIS STATE MARINER, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE, WHICH SHE HOLDS IN HER OWN RIGHT, FOR THE SUPPORT OF HERSELF, & CHILDREN, & TO PAY TAXES—

[Passed Nov. 10, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 49; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 125.]

Whereas Sarah Preston, Wife of William Preston late of Portsmouth in this State, hath Petitioned the general Assembly of this State setting forth, that in the Month of December one thousand seven hundred, and seventy four, She was married to the said William, that for four Years last past he has wholly absented himself from her, nor afforded her in that Time the least Subsistence for herself and Children, so that She & they have been destitute of the Common Necessaries of Life; And that She at her Intermarriage with the said William, was seized of Lands in this State in her own Right, That the said Lands are taxed, and that She is wholly unable to pay them, and that her Situation is such, that She can not dispose of any Part of said Lands either for her Subsistence, or the Payment of the Taxes thereon; And Praying that She may be enabled by Act of said Assembly to sell the Lands, which She hold in her own Right from Time to Time, as Occasion may require for her own & Children's Subsistence and to discharge the Taxes thereon, The Prayer of which said Petition being granted—

It is Therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in general Court assembled, and by the Authority of the Same, that the said Sarah Preston shall & may, from Time to Time, as Occasion requires make seal and Execute in her own Name, any Deed or Deeds or other Assurance, of any of her Lands, which She is seized off in her own Right within this State, to any Person or Persons whomsoever, for the Subsistence of her self, and Children, and for the Payment of Taxes thereon And that said Deeds or other Assurance, being by her acknowledged, and recorded in the Registry Office of the County where the said Lands lie, by the Grantees thereof, shall vest in them, and their Heirs, (according to the Tenor of said Deeds) a Good, sufficient & valid Estate to all Intents and Purposes whatsoever; The Coverture of the said Sarah, or any Law, Custom or Usage to the contrary thereof, in any wise, notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 18.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SARAH LITTLE, WIFE OF STEPHEN LITTLE
 LATE OF PORTSMOUTH PHISICIAN, AN ABSENTEE, TO SUE IN
 HIS NAME FOR ANY DEBTS, OR CONTRACTS, DUE TO HIM, AND
 TO RECOVER THE MONIES DUE THEREON FOR THE SUPPORT
 OF HERSELF & CHILDREN.

[Passed Nov. 10, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 50; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 176.]

Whereas Sarah Little, Wife of Stephen Little late of Portsmouth in this State Phisician; An Absentee, hath Petitioned the general Assembly of this State, Seting forth, that the said Stephen her Husband, hath withdrawn himself from this Country to great Britain, and that the Authority of this State have by a Law prohibited his Return, that by his Departure She and her Children have greatly suffered, and been deprived of that dayly and constant Assistance in his Buisness, on which alone they principally depended for their Support, and that the said Stephen had owing to him sundry small Debts, which are Still due and unpaid & Praying that She may be impowered by Act of said Assembly, in the Name of the said Stephen her Husband, to commence and prosecute to final Judgment and Execution any Actions She may think necessary for the Recovery of his said Debts, for the sole Support of herself and Children, The Prayer of which said Petition being granted.—

It is Therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in general Court assembled, and by the Authority of the Same, that the said Sarah Little, may & shall have full Power, & Authority, in the Name of the said Stephen Little her Husband, to commence, plead, and Prosecute to final Judgment, and Execution, in due Form of Law any Action or Actions (She may think necessary) for the Recovery of any Sum or Sums of Money due to the said Stephen, by Debt, Contract, Specially or Account, or in any other Manner, for the Suport of herself and Children, and that the Appearance of the said Sarah in any Action thus commenced, in any of the Courts of Law in this State, shall be good and effectual, to the Intents and Purposes aforesaid, as though the said Stephen was present in Person; Any Law of this State, Custom or Usage to the Contrary thereof, notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 19.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AND TO CORRECT A MISTAKE IN, AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT "TO ENABLE THE JUDGE OF PROBATE "OF WILLS &c FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM IN THE "STATE AFORESAID TO GRANT ADMINISTRATION DE BONIS " &c ON THE ESTATE OF JOSEPH WILLS LATE OF PORTSMOUTH "IN SAID COUNTY DECEASED INTESTATE."

[Passed Nov. 10, 1780. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 52; recorded Acts, vol. 4, 147. See act of Oct. 30, 1780.]

Whereas James Gooch of said Portsmouth Merchant Petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth that Joseph Wills late of said Portsmouth Mariner In the Year 1766 died Intestate, upon whose Estate (consisting of an house and lot of land in Portsmouth aforesaid and a small personal Estate) George Meserve late of said Portsmouth Esq^r now an Absentee, took Administration, rendered an Inventory thereof exhibited a list of claims against the Estate & represented it insolvent, whereupon Commissioners were appointed to examine the claims against the Estate—That no Administration Account was ever rendered by the said Adm^r that the Estate was unsettled—In this Situation the Adm^r left it when he absented himself from this State, and as he was disabled from further administering it was necessary Administration de Bonis non &c shou'd be granted, which the Judge thought under the circumstances of this particular case he was not warranted to do.—Wherefore the said James (who married the only child of the Intestate) prayed the said Judge might be impowered to grant Administration de Bonis non &c of said Estate. And whereas it has been found since the passing said Act Samuel Hale Junior late of said Portsmouth Esq^r now an Absentee, was the real Administrator of said Estate, and not the said George Meserve, as was alledged in said Petition by Mistake and as is mentioned in said Act—

Be it therefore enacted & it is hereby enacted by the Council and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly conven'd, That the said Judge of Probate of Wills &c shall be and hereby is fully impowered and authorized to grant Administration of the Estate of the said Joseph Wills in the same manner as if the said Samuel Hale Junior was really dead, and to do any other matters or things touching the Estate of said Intestate and Settlement thereof as in & by the said Act the said Judge is

impowered and directed to do.—The Mistake aforesaid, any Law or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.—

In the House of Representatives November 2d, 1780—

Voted, that all such Men as have been draughted for the Continental Service, either for six or three Months and have absconded and not paid their fine, be immediately taken up and Committed, until they pay the fine Mentioned in an Act for raising the said Soldiers, and all legal Charges—

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives November 11th 1780.

Voted that proclamation for a General thanksgiving on the 7th day of December Recd from the Hon^{ble} the Continental Congress be forthwith printed & dispers'd to the Several worshipping Congregations in this State & that the same Day be accordingly Observed through out this State, & all servile Labor is strictly forbidden on said Day & that this Vote be Annex'd to said proclamation. Council concurred same day.

[SIXTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter, Five Sessions, December 20, 1780 to November 29, 1781.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

NOAH EMERY, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
John McClary,	Epsom.
Woodbury Langdon	Portsmouth.
George Frost,	Durham.
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Wyseman Claggett,	Litchfield.
John Hale,	Hollis.
Enoch Hale,	Rindge.
Charles Johnston,	Haverhill.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Atkinson and }	John Webster.
Plaistow, }	
Bow and }	Jeremiah Page.
Dunbarton, }	
Brentwood,	Samuel Dudley.
Candia,	Walter Roby.
Canterbury }	Abiel Foster.
and Loudon, }	
Chester,	Robert Wilson.
	Jacob Chase.
Concord,	Jonathan Hale.
Deerfield and }	Simon Marston.
Northwood, }	
Epping,	Enoch Coffin.
Exeter,	John Taylor Gilman.
	Ephraim Robinson.

Greenland,
Hampstead,
Hampton,
Kensington,
Kingston and }
East Kingston, }
Londonderry,

Newcastle,

Newington,
North Hampton,
Nottingham,
Pelham,
Pembroke,
Portsmouth,

Raymond }
and Poplin, }
Rye,
Salem,
South Hampton }
and Newton, }
Stratham,
Windham,

Strafford County.

Barrington,
Conway,
Dover,

Durham,
Gilmanton and }
Barnstead, }
Lee,
Madbury,
Meredith and }
Sanbornton, }
Rochester,
Sandwich, Tamworth, }
New Hampton and }
Moultonborough, }
Somersworth,
Wakefield, Middleton }
and Effingham, }

William Weeks.
John Calfe.
Josiah Moulton.
Ebenezer Potter.

Nathaniel Batchelder.

John Bell.
Daniel Reynolds.
John Blunt.

Appeared August 22,
1781.

Ephraim Pickering.
Moses Leavitt.
Thomas Bartlett.
David Butler.
John Whittier.
John Langdon.
William Whipple.
George Gains.

John Dudley.

Richard Brown.
Timothy Ladd.

Robert Stuart.

Mark Wiggin.
James Betton.

George Seaward.
David Page.
Joshua Wingate.
John Kelley.
John Smith.

John Drew.

Hercules Mooney.
James Davis.

Ebenezer Smith.

Jabez Dame.

David Folsom.

Jonathan Wentworth.

Simeon Dearborn.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,	Nahum Baldwin.
Andover, Warner, etc.,	Samuel Wilkins.
Dunstable,	Toppan Evans.
Goffstown,	William Hunt.
Hollis,	Robert McGregore.
Hopkinton,	John Hale.
Mason and }	Moses Hills.
Raby, }	Joseph Barrett.
Merrimack,	Samuel Patten.
New Boston & }	James Caldwell.
Francestown, }	Ephraim Adams.
New Ipswich,	William Burns.
Nottingham West,	Ebenezer Webster.
Salisbury and }	
Boscawen, }	
Temple, Peter- }	Fraucis Blood.
borough, etc., }	
Weare,	Thomas Eaton.
Wilton, etc.,	William Abbott, Jr.

Cheshire County.

Dublin, }	Richard Atwell.
Marlborough, etc., }	Robert Allcock.
Hillsborough, etc.,	Josiah Richardson.
Keene,	Samuel Chase.
Litchfield, etc.,	Levi Spaulding.
Lyndeborough,	Joseph Rounseval.
Packersfield }	
and Stoddard, }	Daniel Rand.
Rindge, Jaffrey, etc.	Thomas Hammond.
Swanzy and }	Ephraim Stone.
Fitzwilliam, }	Nehemiah Houghton.
Westmoreland,	
Winchester,	

Grafton County.

Haverhill,	Moses Dow.
Lancaster, Strafford,	
Apthorp, Northumberland, }	Jeremiah Fames.
Cockburne, Colburne and }	
the towns above,	
New Holderness, }	
Campton, Thornton }	Moses Baker.
and Rumney, }	

Plymouth, Cockermouth, Alexandria and New Chester,	}	Enoch Noyes.
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[*First Session, Held at Exeter, December 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 1780; January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1781.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE LYDIA WALLINGFORD WIDOW AND RELICT
 OF SAMUEL WALLINGFORD LATE OF SOMERSWORTH DEC^d TO
 SELL CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIOND.

[Passed Jan. 5, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 53; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 179.]

Whereas Lydia Wallingford Widow and Relict of Samuel Wallingford late of Somersworth in the County of Strafford deceased, hath petitioned the General Court setting forth "That the said Samuel died seized and possessed of sundry Tracts of Land in "the Counties of Rockingham, Hillsborough Cheshire and Graf-
 "ton, laying in Common and undivided with Lands owned by
 "divers Persons

"That the said Samuel left one Child only, (a Son) aged about
 "five Years—and that the Taxes on said Lands, the Charges of
 "paying them, and the daily Strip and waste made thereon made
 "it necessary that the same Lands should be sold as soon as may
 "be, and that the monies arising from the Sale of said Lands
 "might be converted to such Uses as might be most beneficial to
 "said Minor—and praying that She might have Liberty to bring
 "in a Bill for that purpose."

And the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable, and no
 Objection having been made thereto—

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council, and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same—that the said Lydia Wallingford as Administratrix of the Estate of the said Samuel Wallingford be, & She is hereby authorized and impowered to dispose at public or private Sale (as the Circumstances may best Suit) of all Lands in the Counties of Rockingham Hillsborough, Cheshire and Grafton, of which the said Samuel died seized and possessed in common and undivided with others—and to make a valid Conveyance thereof to the purchaser, or purchasers.

And the said Lydia Wallingford is hereby directed before She make any Conveyance of the Lands aforesaid to give Bond in a reasonable Sum, with two good Sureties to the Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Strafford to account with the said Judge, or his Successor in that Office, or with the said Minor when he shall arrive at full age, of all profits, Incomes & Emoluments which shall or may arise by Virtue of the sale of any of the Lands before mentioned—otherwise the same shall to all Intents, and purposes be null & void—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO MAKE VALID, CERTAIN MATTERS, TRANSACTED BY THE TOWN OF SANDWICH AT DIVERS PUBLICK MEET- INGS

[Passed Jan. 12, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 54; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 185.]

Whereas the Select Men of the Town of Sandwich in said State have petition'd the General Court thereof, setting forth that in & by the Charter of said Town the Inhabitants thereof are authorized & directed to hold their Annual Meetings, on the second Tuesday of March but that by Mistake the Annual Meetings there have ever been held on the last Monday in March, by which Means Doubts have arisen of the Legality of all Proceedings of such Meetings; & praying for Remedy which appearing Reasonable & Just—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled, & by the Authority of the same that the Appointments of all Officers & all other Matters & Transactions, made or done at any of said Meetings held on the last Monday of March annually as aforesaid shall be deemed & taken to be good & valid in Law to all Intents & Purposes as fully as they might or wou'd have been had said Meeting been held at the Time prescribed by said Charter—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ANNEX A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND KNOWN BY THE NAME OF BORLAND'S FARM WITHIN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO THE TOWN OF TEMPLE—

[Passed Jan. 12, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 55; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 182.]

Whereas Jonathan Avery for himself & others hath petitioned the General Court setting forth "that they were Inhabitants of a Certain Tract of land called & known by the Name of Borland's farm in the County of Hillsborough, bounded as followeth viz^t beginning at a Beech Tree marked at the Southwest Corner of Lyndeborough, & runs North on Lyndeborough line about three hundred and Eighty Rods to a grey Birch marked, with Stones about it—thence West by Land of Mason's Proprietors over the North Mountain so called, about one hundred & seventy Rods to a Rock Maple with Stones about it at Peterborough East line, thence South on Peterborough East Line about three hundred & Eighty Rods to a Rock Maple Tree marked, and Stones about it, at Temple North line, thence East on Temple North line about one Hundred & Seventy Rods to the Beech Tree first mentioned—containing near four hundred Acres—That said Tract is not within the bounds of any Town—That the Petitioners were trying to make Improvements on said Land—that there was not any Road from any Town to the same—That said Tract is so situated by reason of the Mountains to the West, North & Northeast, that the Inhabitants could not convene at any of the adjoining Towns except Temple, & praying that said Tract of Land might be annexed to the said Town of Temple & the Inhabitants thereof & their Successors might be invested with all the Privileges of the Inhabitants of said Temple—& for leave to bring in a Bill accordingly"—The prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable & no Objection having been made thereto—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that the said Tract of Land be, and hereby is annexed to the said Town of Temple, and that forever hereafter the said Tract with the Inhabitants thereof—shall be taken and deemed as part of, and belonging unto the said Town of Temple—and shall pay their proportion of all Town Charges to the said Town of Temple and not Elsewhere—and shall have a right to all the

Priveledges and Immunities that the Inhabitants of the said Town of Temple do, or may Enjoy.—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE RAISING AND COMPLEATING THIS STATE'S
QUOTA OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

[Passed Jan. 12, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 56; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 187. See additional act of April 7, 1781.]

Whereas by the late Establishment of the continental Army, by Congress, this States Quota of said Army amounts to thirteen hundred and fifty four men; including non commissioned Officers and Privates; And it is of the highest Importance that the said Army should be filled up and compleated in Season.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted; That to fill up this States Quota of the said Army there be forthwith raised within this State the Number of Thirteen hundred and fifty four able bodied effective Men, including non commissioned Officers and Privates, to serve in said Army during the War, or for three Years, including those already in said Service from this State; And that the several Towns Parishes and Places in said State raise their Proportion of the said Number according to the following Apportionment, viz^t

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

Allenstown, two	2	Hampstead, ten	10
Atkinson, eight	8	Hampton, Sixteen	16
Bow four	4	Hamptonfalls, ten	10
Brintwood Seventeen,	17	Hawke, seven	7
Candia, twelve	12	Kensington fourteen	14
Chichester, eight	8	Kingston, fourteen	14
Concord, Sixteen	16	East Kingston, seven	7
Chester, twenty seven	27	Londonderry, thirty three	33
Canterbury, ten	10	London, nine	9
Northfield, four	4	Northwood, six	6
Deerfield, nineteen	19	North Hampton eleven	11
Epping, twenty five	25	Newington, eight	8
Epsom, Six	6	Newtown seven	7
Exeter, twenty four	24	Nottingham fourteen	14
Greenland, eleven	11	Newmarket fifteen	15

Portsmouth, thirty nine	39	Sandown, eight	8
Plastow seven	7	Salem, fourteen	14
Pelham, eleven	11	Stratham, sixteen	16
Poplin, eight	8	Seabrook, seven	7
Pembroke, eleven	11	South Hampton, ten	10
Rye eleven	11	Windham, eight	8
Raymond, ten	10	New Castle, two	2

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STRAFFORD COUNTY—

Barnstead, five	5	Madbury, eight	8
Barrington, eighteen	18	Middletown four	4
Campton, three	3	Meredith six	6
Conway, five	5	Moultonborough, six	6
Dover, twenty five	25	New Durham, four	4
Durham, seventeen	17	Rochester, twenty four	24
Gilmanstown, sixteen	16	Sanborntown, ten	10
New Durham Gore five	5	Sandwich, six	6
Ossipee Gore, two	2	Somersworth, thirteen	13
New Holderness, three	3	Tamworth, two	2
New Hampton, three	3	Tuftonborough two	2
Effingham, one	1	Wolfborough, five	5
Lce, thirteen	13	Wakefield, seven	7

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY—

Amherst, twenty four	24	Hancock one	1
Antrim, three,	3	Litchfield, four,	4
Andover, four,	4	Lyndsborough, eleven	11
Bedford, nine	9	New Ipswich, seventeen	17
Boscawen nine	9	New London one	1
New Bradford one	1	Mason, eight	8
New Boston, nine	9	Merrimac eight	8
Derryfield, four	4	Nottingham west, eleven	11
Deering, five,	5	Perrystown, two	2
Duxbury & mile slip, one	1	Peterborough, ten	10
Dunbarton eight	8	Peterborough slip, two	2
Dunstable, eight	8	Raby, two	2
Francestown four	4	Salisbury, eleven	11
Fishersfield, three	3	Society land, one	1
Goffstown, ten	10	Temple, seven	7
Henniker, six	6	Weare, fifteen	15
Hillsborough, six	6	Warner, four	4
Holles, twenty	20	Wilton eleven	11
Hopkinton seventeen	17		

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CHESHIRE COUNTY

Alstead seven	7	Marlborough, six	6
Ackworth, four	4	Newport, four	4
Charlestown, twelve	12	Plainfield, eight	8
Cornish, eight	8	Packersfield, five	5
Claremont, ten	10	Protectworth one	1
Croydon, four	4	Rindge, thirteen	13
Chesterfield twelve	12	Richmond, twelve	12
Dublin Six	6	Swansey, eleven	11
Fitz William, seven	7	Surry, four	4
Gilsum, three	3	Saville, two	2
New Grantham, two	2	Stoddard, Six	6
Hinsdale, four	4	Unity four	4
Jaffrey, nine	9	Walpole, fourteen	14
Keene, fourteen	14	Westmoreland, thirteen,	13
Lempster, four	4	Winchester, twelve	12
Marlow, four	4	Washington, five	5
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GRAFTON COUNTY

Alexandria, two	2	Morristown two	2
Apthorp, one	1	New Chester, three	3
Bath, four	4	Northumberland, one	1
Canaan, two	2	Orford six	6
Cockermouth, two	2	Plymouth, seven	7
Cockburn, one	1	Piermont, four	4
Cardigan, two	2	Relhan, three	3
Coleburn, one	1	Romney, four	4
Dorchester, one	1	Stratford, one	1
Grafton, two	2	Shelburne, one	1
Gunthwait three	3	Thornton, three	3
Haverhill, seven	7	Warren, one	1
Hanover eleven	11	Wentworth one	1
Lancaster, one	1	Dartmouth one	1
Lebanon, nine	9	Tract of Land East side	
Lyme, seven	7	of Haverhill, &c one	1
Lyman, two	2	<hr/>	
Landaff, one	1		
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And that the several towns parishes & places aforementioned reckon as a part of their respective proportion of said number all those Persons who enlisted into said Army before the Commencement of the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy eight, and are now engaged in said Service during the War, and who have been considered as part of their Quota agreeably to any acts resolves or votes of the General Court And such others who are

now engaged in said Service for and during the said Term as they have procured since the end of the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven agreeably to said Acts Resolves or Votes and that such Towns and Places be credited accordingly.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That each of the said Towns Parishes and Places shall divide all the respective Inhabitants thereof into as many Classes as they are deficient in number of men, having respect to the proportion of Taxes paid by each individual and the number of men liable by Law to bear Arms—and that each Class shall on or before the twentieth Day of February next provide an able bodied effective man to serve in said army, during the war, or for three years, for which purpose they shall be confined to their own towns and such others only as shall have raised their quota—Provided nevertheless that any of the said Towns Parishes and Places may raise their respective proportion of said number by any other Method not interfering with others which have not procured said Quota—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that if one or more of the sd Classes shall refuse or neglect to procure their recruits by the time limited as aforesaid, the Town or place to which said delinquent Class or Classes belong is hereby required to hire such Recruit for each of said delinquent Classes, and are authorized to assess such Class or Classes, or the several neglecting individuals thereof in the then next town Tax, double the sum it shall cost to hire said Recruits and the Collectors for such Towns or Places are hereby authorized to levy said Assessment by Distress or otherwise—And that each and every of the said Towns Parishes and places that shall neglect to procure the whole number of men apportioned them as aforesaid by the first day of March next shall forfeit and pay for the use of this State double the sum it shall cost on an Average, to hire a recruit, for each and every Deficiency; which sum when ascertained the Treasurer shall add to the then next state Tax of such delinquent Place or Places and issue his warrant for levying the same accordingly—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that for every Recruit raised as aforesaid, who shall pass Muster, The Town or place which shall have raised the same pursuant to this Act shall be entitled to receive out of the Treasury of said State Twenty Pounds equal in value to Indian Corn at four shillings a bushel, in four Years from the time of raising such Recruit with Interest at the Rate of Six p^r Cent p^r Annum—And that each Recruit shall find and provide himself a blanket, and shall receive the same Wages Refreshments, family supplies Emoluments and Depreciation, whatsoever, as those already engaged for this State in said Army are entitled to have & receive—And that their Wages commence at the time of their passing muster—And that they shall have Liberty at their election to join any Company of

the New Hampshire line in said Army which has not its full complement of men—And that every able bodied effective Man who shall enlist into said Service for said State for and during the war, upon joining the Army shall be entitled to receive a bounty of fifty Dollars of the new Emission agreeably to the resolution of Congress—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That Col^o Samuel Folsom be and he hereby is appointed Muster Master to Muster at Exeter the Recruits which shall be raised as aforesaid within the Regiments of Militia commanded by the Col^s Wentworth Evans, Moulton, Gilman, Gale John Webster, Smith, M^cClary and Richardson—And that General Moses Nichols be and he hereby is appointed Muster Master to muster at Amherst the Recruits which shall be raised as aforesaid within the Regiments of Militia commanded by the Col^s Stickney David Webster, Gregg, Kelley, that part of the Regiment commanded by Col^o Hale which is within the County of Hillsborough, & the Regiment of the late Col^o Nichols And that Col^o Timothy Ellis be and he hereby is Appointed Muster Master to Muster at Keene the Recruits which shall be raised as aforesaid within the Regiments of Militia commanded by the Col^s Ellis Chase, Morey, the late Col^o Bellows and that part of said Regiment commanded by Col^o Hale which is within the County of Cheshire—And that the Recruits as soon as raised shall be offered by the respective towns or places who raised the same to their respective Muster-Masters to be mustered, taking his certificate of such As he shall Muster which together with a list of the Names of those men they have in the said Army they shall lodge in the Secretary's Office on or before the first Day of April next—And that the said Muster-Masters forthwith muster the said Men & present them to some Officer of the said Army to be immediately conducted to it taking receipts for them and lodging the same in the Secretarys Office as soon after as may be—

And Whereas some of the Towns and places mentioned in the foregoing Apportionment viz^t Tuftonborough Shelburn Cockburn Protectworth Dartmouth Morristown Coleburn New Bradford and the Tract of Land adjoining the easterly side of Haverhill are not inhabited or have so few Inhabitants that they are unable to procure their respective Proportion of said Number—

Be it therefore enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Proprietors and Owners of said Towns and places shall at or before the first Day of March next procure the Recruit or Recruits required by the said Apportionment of the said Towns & Places respectively and upon failure or neglect thereof shall forfeit & pay for the Use of said State double the Sum it shall cost on an Average, to hire a recruit, for each and every Deficiency which sum when ascertained, the Treasurer shall Add to the then next State

Tax of such delinquent Place or Places and issue his warrant for levying the same accordingly—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE JANE HART THE WIFE OF THOMAS HART JUN^r LATE OF PORTSMOUTH MARINER TO SELL & CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS IN MASONS PATENT SO CALLED

[Passed Jan. 13, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 57; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 197.]

Whereas the said Jane Hart has petitioned the General Court representing that her said Husband left this State about Six Years ago & has not since returned, that he left her ill provided to support herself & family & has never sent her any supplies; That she is in a suffering Condition for want of the Necessaries of Life And praying to be authorized to sell & convey Lands within Masons Patent which she holds in her own Right, which appearing just & reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That the said Jane Hart be & she hereby is fully authorized And impowered to sell & convey any & all the Lands she holds as aforesaid & make & execute good & legal conveyances thereof & that the Purchaser or Purchasers be thereby as fully invested with her Right to said Lands as if the said Thomas Hart should join with her in executing such Conveyances any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO PRESERVE THE FISH IN PISCATAQUA RIVER

[Passed Jan. 20, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 58; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 200. See acts of 1770, 1772, 1773 & 1789.]

Whereas fishing in Piscataqua river, and in the Harbour near the mouth of said River, with setting Lines, and Seines, hath a great tendency, to obstruct the course of the Codfish, & Smelts, in said River; and the fishing for Bass, & Bluefish, in Winter,

hath almost extirpated the Bass, & Bluefish, in said River, so that those fisheries, are in danger of being lost, unless prevented—

Be it therefore enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, That from, and after, the making of this Act; no person shall be allowed, to fish in the said River, or harbour, or any of the branches thereof, within this State, where the Tide ebbs and flows, with any Seine, or setting Line, for any fish whatsoever—And no person shall by any way or means whatsoever, catch, kill, or destroy, any Bass or Bluefish, in said River, or the Branches aforesaid, from the first day of December, to the first day of April, annually; on pain that any and every person offending in any of the particulars aforesaid; shall forfeit, & pay, for every offense the sum of Three Pounds, of the new Emission To be recovered by Bill, Plaint, or information, or Indictment of the Grand Jury, one half to the use of the County where the Offence is committed and the other half to the Informer, in any Court of record—And any Person or Persons, are hereby authorized, to destroy any Seine, or setting Line, found fishing, or set for fishing, in said River, & harbour, within this State. And in case of being sued therefor, may plead the general issue, and give the special matter in evidence, and shall recover double Costs—

And whosoever shall knowingly buy, or sell, any Smelts, Bass, Bluefish, or Codfish, taken contrary to this Act, shall forfeit Ten Shillings like money, to be recovered by Action, or information, before a Justice of the peace, for the use of the Informer—

This Act to continue and be in force, for the Term of Three years and no longer

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN WENTWORTH OF SOMERSWORTH
ESQ^r TO SELL CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED.

[Passed Jan. 25, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 59; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 203.]

Whereas John Wentworth of Somersworth in the County of Strafford & State aforesaid Esq: hath petitioned the General Court setting forth “That by his late wife (a Daughter of the late Col^o Wallingford) he had two Children, now living, who are interested in, and Owners in the right of their late Mother, of one thirteenth part of certain Lands now laying in common & undivided, being part of the Estate of the said Wallingford”—

"That (unless speedily prevented) the said Children will be greatly injured in their Property—the Taxes thereon & the Charges of payment being very burthensome, & praying for leave to bring in a Bill to enable him to dispose of said Lands, & to convert the monies arising from the Sale to such Uses as may best tend to promote the Interest of his said Children—The prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable & no Objection having been made thereto—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the same, that the said John Wentworth be and he hereby is fully authorized and impowered to dispose at public or private Sale (as the Circumstances may best Suit) of all Lands held in Common & undivided as aforesaid, wherein his said Children are interested as aforesaid, and to make and execute a valid Conveyance thereof to the purchaser or purchasers.

And the said John Wentworth is hereby directed before he make any conveyance of the Lands afores^d to give bond in a reasonable Sum, with two good Sureties to the Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Strafford to Account with his said Children when he shall be thereto lawfully required for all profits Incomes & Emoluments which shall or may arise by Virtue of the Sale of any of the Lands before mentioned—Otherwise the same shall to all Intents and purposes be null & void

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN STEPHEN LEAVITT & ANNA HIS WIFE—

[Passed Jan. 25, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 60; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 199.]

Whereas Stephen Leavitt of Gilmantown in the County of Strafford & State aforesaid has Petitioned the General Assembly for this State, setting forth, that he was suddenly, against his inclinations, & in a manner not prescribed by law, married to one Anna French sometime in the month of September in the Year of Our Lord one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine—That since the said marriage he never had cohabited with, or known the said Anna as a Wife—And praying that a divorce from the said Anna a Vinculo Matrimonii, might be granted—The aforesaid facts being made to appear upon a full hearing

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Court Assembled, that the Bonds of Maturity between the said Stephen & Anna, be and hereby are dissolved—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING ONE MILLION & FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS WEIGHT OF BEEF TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

[Passed Jan. 27, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 61; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 211.]

Whereas the Congress of the United States on the fourth day of November last (amongst other things) did resolve, that this State, sho^d raise, and furnish, One million, & four Hundred Thousand pounds Weight of Beef towards the support of the Continental Army to be delivered as the Commander in Chief sho^d order and direct, which is agreed to by this State,

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, And it is hereby Enacted, that the said Quantity of One Million & four hundred Thousand Weight of Beef be raised and paid by an equal proportion, on the several Towns, parishes, and districts within this State as hereafter mentioned Viz^t One third part of Said Beef to be paid by the last day of March next in order to be salted, one fourth part, thereof, by the fifteenth day of July next, one other fourth part by the first day of September next, and the residue of the said Beef, being one sixth part thereof to be paid on or before the first day of December next, to such Commissary as shall be appointed to receive the same, for the purposes aforesaid, agreeable to the said resolution of Congress, and the same shall be proportioned, and divided, amongst the Towns, parishes, & districts as in this Act is hereinafter mentioned And the Selectmen of every such Town Parish, and district are hereby required immediately to procure the said One third part of said beef first mentioned, and also seasonably to procure the remainder of the said Beef Cattle, at the Expence of their respective Towns, parishes & districts so that the same may be in readiness to answer their several proportions, & at the several times by this Act required : All the said Beef Cattle to be delivered by the said Selectmen from time to time to a Collector General as hereinafter mentioned, or to his order, in such manner as he shall see fit to appoint And the said Selectmen are hereby authorized to raise by Assess-

ment in the usual way all such sum and sums of money as may be requisite for the purpose aforesaid, and the proportion shall be as follows

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

Allenstown	2,213	Loudon	8,977
Atkinson	8,260	Northfield	3,781
Bow	4,743	Northwood	5,865
Brintwood	17,181	North Hampton	11,161
Candia	12,110	Newington	8,252
Chichester	8,150	Newtown	7,136
Concord	16,478	Nottingham	14,288
Chester	27,618	Newmarket	15,221
Canterbury	9,945	Portsmouth	40,641
Deerfield	19,693	Plastow	7,813
Epping	25,535	Pelham	11,428
Epsom	6,291	Poplin	8,540
Exeter	24,578	Penbroke	11,675
Greenland	11,024	Rye	11,396
Hampstead	10,465	Raymond	10,509
Hampton	16,260	Sandown	8838
Hamptonfalls	10,599	Salem	14,318
Hawke	7,460	Stratham	16,820
Kensington	14,464	Seabrook	7,624
Kingstown	14,426	South Hampton	9,964
East Kingstown	7,555	Windham	8,723
Londonderry	33,450	New Castle	2,765

554,233

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

Barustead	4,856	New-Durham	4,120
Barrington	18,599	New-Durham Gore	4,795
Campton	3,549	New Hampton	3,328
Conway	4,949	New Holderness	3,461
Durham	17,853	Ossipee Gore	1,910
Dover	25,820	Rochester	23,984
Effingham	1,548	Sandborntown	10,181
Gilmantown	16,629	Sandwich	6,629
Lee	13,798	Summersworth	12,764
Madbury	8,649	Tamworth	2,690
Middletown	4,168	Wolfeborough	4,844
Meridith	6,604	Tuftonborough	1,529
Moultonborough	5,728	Wakefield	6,919

219,904

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Amherst	24,565	Lyndsborough	11,005
Antrim	2,791	Mason	8,872
Andover	3,811	Merrimack	8,669
Bedford	8,936	New Bradford	883
Boscawen	9,434	New Boston	9,789
Derryfield	3,858	New Ipswich	17,164
Deering	4,673	New-London	1,441
Duxborough & Mile slip	1,488	Nottingham west	11,241
Dunbarton	7,846	Perrystown	2,264
Dunstable	8,759	Peterborough	9,901
Francistown	4,570	Peterborough Slip	1,960
Fishersfield	2,716	Raby	2,386
Goffestown	10,164	Salisbury	11,550
Hillsborough	5,950	Society Land	1,102
Henneker	6,486	Temple	7,532
Hollis	20,768	Warner	4,265
Hopkintown	17,410	Weare	15,330
Hancock	1,472	Wilton	11,585
Litchfield	4,579		
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COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Alstead	7,548	New Grantham	1,588
Actworth	4,268	New Port	4,062
Charlestown	12,421	Packersfield	5,318
Cornish	8,834	Plainfield	8,834
Claremont	10,813	Protectworth	1,326
Croydon	3,939	Richmond	12,588
Chesterfield	11,970	Rindge	13,750
Dublin	6,506	Saville	1,875
Fitz William	6,834	Snrry	4,170
Gilsom	3,495	Swanzey	11,270
Hinsdale	4,684	Stoddard	5,908
Jeffery	9,158	Unity	3,975
Keene	14,136	Walpole	14,021
Lemster	3,975	Washington	4,820
Marlborough	6,145	Westmoreland	13,325
Marlow	3,975	Winchester	12,017
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COUNTY OF GRAFTON

Alexandria	2,436	Landaff	1,325
Apthorp	1,060	Morristown	1,764
Bath	3,530	New Chester	3,165
Canaan	2,296	Northumberland	1,290
Cockermouth	2390	Orford	6,184
Cockburn	880	Piermont	4,416
Cardigan	2206	Plymouth	7,053
Coleburn	880	Relhan or Enfield	3,090
Dartmouth	880	Rumney	3819
Dorchester	1,280	Strafford	1,170
Grafton	2,206	Shelburn	1,320
Gunthwaite	3,090	Thornton	3,040
Haverhill	6,830	Warren	1,320
Hanover	11,040	Wentworth	1290
Lancaster	1,090	Tract of Land east	} 1,100
Lebanon	8,830	of Haverhill &	
Lime	6,624	north of Warren	
Lynan	2,206		
			101,100

And be it further Enacted That Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge of Exeter and Francis Blood Esq^r of Temple be, And they are hereby appointed Collectors General of the said Beef within this State as follows Viz^t the said Eliphalet Giddinge for the lower District of said State which is to include all the Towns within the County of Rockingham (Concord and Bow Excepted) all the County of Strafford, and the Towns of Litchfield Nottingham West and Derrifield in the County of Hillsborough

And the said Francis Blood is to take the Upper District which is to contain all the rest of the said State of New Hampshire. And the said Collectors General are hereby appointed by themselves or Deputies to estimate the Weight of all live Beef Cattle which they shall receive from the said Selectmen or others, by their Order within their respective Districts, and also to keep just and true accounts thereof, and to give proper receipts for the same: they are also to deliver the said Beef Cattle to the Commissary General or his order for the use of the United States, taking a proper receipt for the same, And in case the Selectmen or other persons, delivering the said Beef Cattle by their order, shall not be satisfied with the Estimation of the weight thereof made by the said Collectors or their deputies, the parties shall be at liberty to chuse indifferent persons to estimate the same, according to the best of their Judgements under Oath, And be it further Enacted, that good beef well salted & packed in barrels, each barrel to contain 240 Weight net, shall be received from any Town and allowed pound for pound towards, their respective quotas

of such beef as is to be salted by the last day of March next : And they shall also be allowed a reasonable Value for the salt, and Casks, to be estimated by the Collector General or his Deputy in the same manner that live Cattle are to be Estimated And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that good pork either fresh or salted & well pack'd in barrels, each barrel to contain Two hundred & Twenty pounds weight net, shall be received of any Town, and allowed after the rate and proportion of Eleven pounds of pork, for fifteen pounds of beef, towards their respective Quota's of such Beef, as is to be salted by the last day of March next And if said Pork shall be salted & packed as aforesaid such Town shall be allowed a reasonable Value for the Salt and Casks to be estimated as afores^d Provided that the said salted Beef and Pork upon Inspection by the Collector General or other person appointed to receive the same, shall be found to be good & merchantable

And the said Collectors General shall make up and settle their several Accounts, with the General Court & shall be allowed All reasonable Charges in collecting driving and foraging the said Beef Cattle.

And in case any Town Parish or district shall neglect to raise their respective proportion of said Beef or to deliver the same to the Collector General of the District in which they are included as aforesaid, or his Deputy, such Town, parish or district so neglecting, shall forfeit & pay as a Fine, double the Value of the Beef required of them for the use of the State, and the same shall be added to their next State and Continental Tax, without any other proof or Evidence, than the want of a Certificate, that the same has been delivered.

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING THE SUM OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND POUNDS IN BILLS OF THE NEW EMISSION OR OTHERS EQUIVALENT AND THE SUM OF FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS IN SPECIE, FOR THE USE OF SAID STATE THE CURRENT YEAR.

[Passed Jan. 27, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 62; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 205.]

Whereas for the Support of the War and defraying the Charges of said State, it is necessary that the sum of one hundred and twenty Thousand pounds in bills of the New Emission or others

equal thereto, And that the further sum of four thousand five hundred pounds in Specie, for the sole purpose of paying the Interest of said bills, should be raised in said State the current year—

Be it therefore Enacted by The Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same That there be and hereby is granted for the Use of said State the sum of One hundred and twenty thousand pounds in the said Bills or others equal thereto; and that the same be assessed on the Polls and rateable Estates within this State agreeable to the Proportion of the Taxes for the several Towns and Places in this State made by the general Assembly in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty And that the same be collected levied and paid in the said Bills, or in Notes of Ten pounds and Five pounds issued by the Authority of this State commonly called Soldiers Bounty Notes, which were dated before the last day of April one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven—Estimating one pound of said Notes equal to one pound of the said Bills; or in such of the Notes issued by the Authority of said State commonly called Depreciation Notes as were due the thirty first Day of December one thousand seven hundred and Eighty with compound Interest on said Bounty and Depreciation Notes, estimating one pound of said Depreciation Notes equal to one pound seventeen shillings and six pence of the said Bills, provided the same are paid into the Treasury by the last day of June next; or in the old Bills emitted by said State or by Congress estimating forty pounds in said Bills equal to one pound in the bills last emitted. And that the said Sum be paid into the Treasury of said State in manner following, viz^t one half thereof by the last day of June next, one fourth part thereof by the fifteenth Day of September next and the other fourth part by the last Day of November next—Provided also That each Town and Place in said State which have supplied Beef to this State agreeably to an Act passed the twenty seventh Day of June in the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty, shall have credit for the same at the rate of three pounds six Shillings pr hundred weight which they are hereby authorized to deduct out of their several and respective Proportions of the said first payment of said sum of one hundred & twenty thousand pounds & shall be allowed the same upon their producing and lodging with the Treasurer or Receiver General a Receipt for the said Beef from the Collector general or his Deputy—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That there be and hereby is granted for the Use of said State, for the purpose of paying and discharging the Interest of the bills of the new Emission the further Sum of four thousand five hundred pounds in Specie, & that the same be Assessed on the Polls and rateable Estates within said State agreeable to the proportion

aforesaid and that said Sum be levied collected and paid into the Treasury of said State in Specie by the fifteenth Day of September next—And the Treasurer or Receiver General is hereby directed and required forthwith to issue his Warrants to the several towns and places, for collecting levying and paying the Aforesaid Sums of one hundred and twenty thousand pounds in the said bills of the new Emission or others as aforesaid, and four thousand five hundred pounds in Specie, in manner before directed relative to said Sums—

And the Selectmen of the several towns and places within said State are hereby required as soon as may be after the first Day of April next to assess the Polls and Estates within their respective towns & places their proportion of the said Sums according to said Warrants and cause the same to be paid in manner aforesaid, deducting what may be their respective dues for Beef as aforesaid making their Taxes in separate columns for each Payment, & to issue their Warrants accordingly—

And that in making the said Taxes the said Selectmen shall govern themselves by the Inventories taken in December in the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine, and returned to the general Assembly; with respect to all buildings unimproved Lands and Lands of Nonresidents, except where any town or place hath been doomed or lessened by the General Assembly for any or either of the said Articles in which case they may add or deduct on such Article in just proportion so much as said Deduction or Doomage amounts to—

Provided that the Taxes of the Lands of Non Resident Proprietors (being unimproved) shall be made in two Columns, one for their Proportion of the said one hundred and twenty thousand Pounds and the other for their Proportion of the said four thousand and five hundred Pounds in Specie and that the Collectors shall not distrain for the same till after the last Day of October next—And that the unimproved Lands of Non resident Proprietors shall not be taxed for any other Taxes, but the State tax, War tax and County Tax—

In the House of Representatives January 12th 1781.

Whereas this State is Subjected to many hardships and Inconveniencies on Account of the unsettled situation of the Inhabitants of the tract of Land called the new Hampshire Grants west of Connecticut River a respectable number of whom being desirous of having said Tract confirmed to this State, considering the same as part thereof, & it being highly necessary as well for the good of this State as for the Interest of the Inhabitants of said Tract that a speedy decision be had thereon,

Therefore Resolved that the Agent & Delegates from this State to the Continental Congress be instructed & they hereby are instructed

to use every possible means to induce Congress to make a speedy & final determination of the disputes relating to the Tract of Land aforesaid. And as soon as Congress shall proceed in said matter, it is the opinion of this State that the said Agents & Delegates ought to use their endeavors to have the Question, Whether, the said Tract of Land shall be a seperate & Independant State, first determined— That if the same shall be determined in the negative they & each of them urge all proper motives & arguments to have the same Tract confirmed to the State of New Hampshire, for which purpose they are directed to make use of the Papers now in their possession respecting said dispute & to procure such others as may be of service—

It is further Resolved that that the Honorable the President be desired to enclose an attested Copy of this resolve & transmit the same to the said Agents & Delegates as soon as may be

Council concurred January 13, 1781.

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, March 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31; April 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 1781.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN MOSES HILLS
 OF CHESTER AND HANNAH HIS WIFE—

[Passed March 27, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 63; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 219.]

Whereas the said Moses Hills hath petitioned the General Court, representing That the said Hannah for more than four Years past hath without provocation, absented herself from His bed and board, and is so inflexibly determined not to cohabit with him, that no Intreaties, no perswasions, no promises can prevail on her to return to her duty; and so unreasonably and causelessly prejudiced against him that he has no prospect of any future happiness with her. And therefore praying that he may be divorced from her—which representation appearing true and the Prayer of said Petition reasonable—

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Moses and Hannah be and hereby are dissolved—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO CONVEY & ACQUIT ALL THE RIGHT WHICH MAJOR
 BREED BATCHELDER, LATE OF PACKERSFIELD IN THE COUNTY
 OF CHESHIRE HAD IN & TO CERTAIN LANDS THERE, IN
 FAVOR OF THE ESTATE WHICH WAS OF WILL^m BATCHELDER
 DECEASED.

[Passed March 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 64; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 225.]

Whereas Joanna Batchelder of Halifax in the County of Plymouth Widow and Relict of the said William, hath petitioned the

General Assembly of this State, setting forth That the said William in his lifetime, had purchased of his Brother, the said Breed (who is gone over to the Enemy) for a valuable consideration paid to him, two certain Tracts of land in said Packersfield bounded as follows, Viz^t. One of said Tracts lying in the S^o West Quarter of what was called Monadnock N^o six, beginning at the South West Corner of Land then belonging to one Lynds, on the South line of the Town thence running West, ten degrees North, ninety Six Rods, thence North ten degrees East, two hundred and four rods, then East, ten degrees South seventy two rods, then S^o ten degrees West 59 rods, to a Beech, by the road, then South by the needle One hundred and forty six Rods, to the bounds first mentioned. The other Tract of land is bounded as follows Viz^t Beginning at the S^o East corner of a right of Land, laid out to one William Talford, then running South on the Grantors land, One hundred and seventy two rods, then West ten degrees North, One hundred and forty two rods, then North, ten degrees East One hundred and Seventy two rods to the right above mentioned then East ten degrees South by said Right One hundred and forty two rods to where it began Excepting, and reserving all necessary highways thro' said Tracts of land the whole of said land containing by Estimation Two hundred and fifty six Acres And that the said Breed had promised the said William in his lifetime to give him a good and Valid deed of said Land with Warranty and had entered into a Bond for that purpose bearing date the seventh day of March 1771 but that the said Breed had absconded in manner as aforesaid, and had neglected to give said Deed, And praying, that the said Joanna might be empowered to make Sale of the said lands, in order to pay her said late husband's debts the prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable. Therefore Be it Enacted, And it is hereby Enacted by the Council, and house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, that the right title, and property in and to all the beforementioned lands, so far as the same were vested in the said Breed Batchelder at the time of his absconding as aforesaid, be and the same are hereby vested in the Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns of the said William Batchelder in such manner as that the same lands may be considered as the Estate of the said William Batchelder as fully to every intent and purpose whatsoever as if the same had been conveyed to him in his lifetime by Deed from the said Breed Batchelder as before mentioned and intended.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE & IMPOWER JEREMIAH PAGE & HENRY GERRISH ESQUIRES & M^r WILLIAM CHAMBERLIN TO RUN OUT & SETTLE THE LINES & BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF ENFIELD ALIAS RELHAN, AND THOSE LINES, & BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIPS OF CANAAN & GRAFTON WHICH ARE CONTIGUOUS THERETO OR DEPEDENT THEREUPON—

[Passed March 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 65; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 220. Report accepted by the act of June 17, 1802.]

Whereas George Harris in behalf of the Proprietors of the Township of Canaan hath petitioned the General Court setting forth 'That the proprietors of said Canaan hold their lands by a Charter under the great seal of the (late Province now) State of New Hampshire bearing the test of Benning Wentworth Esq^r then Governor of said Province—That said Charter describes the boundaries of said Township of Canaan by beginning at the northeasterly Corner of Lebanon & running south fifty eight degrees east being the same course with the northerly side line of the Township of Enfield (as was then supposed) but upon surveying the said Township of Enfield agreeable to the words of the Charter the survey run in upon the Township of Canaan near one mile contrary to the expectation of the proprietors thereof as the then northerly side line of Enfield was reputed to be the southerly side line of Canaan That upon examining into the matter it appeared that there was a gore of land between said Enfield & Grantham which was not claimed by said Grantham but appeared to be occasioned by a clerical error in drawing the Charter of said Enfield by writing sixty eight instead of fifty eight degrees which makes it interfere with & confound the lines of the adjoining Towns That by correcting said clerical mistake of sixty eight to fifty eight degrees it would make the lines of the Charters aforesaid uniform & agreeable That there are a considerable number of peaceable inhabitants now settled under the Charter of Canaan upon the lands which by reason of the error afores^d are included within the Charter of Enfield and is likely to be productive of perplexing lawsuits, animosities & other evil consequences unless speedily remedied And therefore praying this Court to take the matter under consideration & appoint a Committee to examine into the premises & adjust the several lines & boundaries in such a way and manner as shall appear to them most just & equitable

And whereas the facts set forth as aforesaid appear to be true & the prayer of said petition just & reasonable.—And upon public notice being given of the time & place of hearing said petition the said George Harris in behalf of the proprietors of the Township of Canaan—Jesse Johnson in behalf of the proprietors of Enfield alias Relhan—Jonathan Buffom & Russel Mason in behalf of the proprietors of the Township of Grafton appeared in Court & manifested their desire that the said Jeremiah Page Henry Gerrish & William Chamberlin should be appointed a Committee to adjust & settle the lines & boundaries as abovementioned

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted That the said Jeremiah Page, Henry Gerrish & William Chamberlin be and hereby are appointed a Committee to survey & lay out the Township of Enfield alias Relhan and make the proper metes & boundaries thereof And also those metes & boundaries of the Townships of Canaan & Grafton which are or may be contiguous thereto or dependent thereupon—at the charge & expence of the Townships aforesaid or any or either of them in such proportion to each one as said Committee shall adjudge most reasonable & just And said Committee shall give seasonable notice to all persons & parties concerned, of the time & place of their attending upon said business

And whereas it is mutually agreed by & between the said George Harris, Jesse Johnson, Jonathan Buffom & Russell Mason for & on the behalf of their respective Townships That the southeasterly corner boundary of Lebanon which is likewise the southwesterly corner boundary of Enfield alias Relhan commonly called Sumners bound—is a fixed known & true boundary Therefore

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Committee abovementioned in surveying said Townships & making the metes & boundaries in manner aforesaid shall allow the said boundary commonly called Sumner's bound to be a right & true boundary—and shall regulate their procedure by & agreeable unto the same in a just & equitable manner according unto the best of their judgment : proper regard being paid to the seniority of Charters & the true intent & meaning of the same—And the return or report of said Committee or the major part of them being made to the Secretary's office within one year from the passing of this Act shall be binding & conclusive in law upon all parties & persons whatsoever—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, INTITLED AN ACT FOR RECORDING GRANTS LOCATIONS & CHARTERS OF LANDS IN THIS STATE GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNORS THEREOF BENNING WENTWORTH ESQ^r & JOHN WENTWORTH ESQ^r

[Passed March 29, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 66; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 228. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 241. The act referred to is dated March 4, 1780.]

Whereas it is enacted in and by said act that the grantees, owners or possessors of all such grants, locations or charters of lands in this State under the hand & seal of the said Benning Wentworth or John Wentworth, as Governors aforesaid, having been duly authenticated in the usual manner and dated before the nineteenth day of April anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and seventy five shall be brought into the Secretary's office & there recorded—And that no grant location or charters of any lands in this State made & executed by either of the Governors aforesaid, shall be taken used or esteemed good in law to hold any such lands, unless the grant location or charter of such lands be recorded as aforesaid, or filed in the Secretary's office in order to be recorded, within twelve months from & after the fourth day of March anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and eighty— which time is passed—And whereas it appears necessary that a further time should be given in order to effect the aforesaid good and salutary purposes

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted that a further time of one year be allowed for the aforesaid purposes, from the time of passing this act

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN NATHANIEL
 HAZELTINE OF NOTTINGHAM WEST & ELIZABETH HIS WIFE

[Passed March 30, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p 67; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 235.]

Whereas the said Nathaniel Hazeltine hath petitioned the General Court representing that above Seventeen years ago he was Married to one Elizabeth Cummings with whom he lived a disagreeable life for Two years by reason of her disobedient lewd & disorderly conduct, ever since which they have not lived together, nor Bedded or Boarded together. That his said wife had been guilty of the Sin of Adultery & broken the Marriage Covenant. Therefore he prayed that he might be divorced from her. And After a full hearing of the Parties, said Representation appearing true & the prayer of said Petition reasonable. Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same— That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Nathaniel & the said Elizabeth be & hereby are dissolved.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL A CERTAIN CLAUSE OF AN ACT INTITLED
 "AN ACT TO REPEAL SUNDRY ACTS OF THIS STATE RELA-"
 "TING TO TAVERNS, INNS AND RETAILERS WITHIN THIS"
 "STATE," PASSED DEC^r 26th 1778.

[Passed March 30, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 68; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 230. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 243; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 242. See additional act of March 22, 1782, act of June 25, 1787, and act of June 14, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 322. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas in and by said Act, in a certain clause of the same it is enacted in the following words. Viz^t "And every person who" "shall be found drinking mixed or strong Liquors, sold as afor^{sd}" "in any Retailers House or the Appendages thereof, shall for" "every such offence pay the sum of forty shillings for the use of" "the Poor of the Town or place where such Offence is com-" "mitted, on Complaint to a Justice of the Peace."

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same, it is hereby Enacted, that the aforesaid clause in the words above recited be and hereby is repealed and made null & Void to all intents and purposes.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CERTAIN PERSONS TO RAISE TWO THOUSAND POUNDS OF THE NEW EMISSION TO ENABLE ONE ROBERT HEWES TO CARRY ON THE MANUFACTURING OF GLASS IN THE TOWN OF TEMPLE IN THE COUNTY OF HILSBOROUGH.

[Passed March 30, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 69; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 232.]

Whereas Robert Hewes of Boston in the state of Massachusetts hath petitioned the General Court setting forth that he had been at great expence in erecting Buildings and preparing Materials to carry on the manufactory of Glass in the Town of Temple, and that he had brought the same near to perfection; but was unable to proceed further without public encouragement, & should be Obligated to drop the enterprize.

Wherefore he prayed a Lottery might be set up to raise a sum of money for the purpose aforesaid. Upon consideration of which Petition, the same appeared reasonable, and that the granting the prayer thereof would be for the public good.

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same that liberty be, & hereby is granted to establish and carry on a public Lottery to raise the sum of two thousand pounds of the new Emission to be applied to the purpose of carrying on said Glass Manufactory & paying incidental charges. And that Timothy Farrar Esq^r Jacob Abbot Esq^r & Francis Blood Esq^r and the Major part of them be and hereby are appointed, and Authorized to carry the said Lottery into execution in such form, manner, & way as they shall deem most effectual to promote and Accomplish the end & design proposed. All which they are to compleat within the Term of One Year from the passing this Act. And that they render an Account of their proceedings relative to the same to the General Court of this State when thereto required.

And that before they enter upon said business that they severally make Solemn Oath before some Justice of the peace for said County faithfully to discharge the trust hereby reposed in them

And be it further enacted by Authority aforesaid that the said Timothy Farrar, Jacob Abbot and Francis Blood Esq^{rs} or the major part of them be, & they hereby are fully impowered to pay to the said Robert Hewes the Money raised as aforesaid (deducting their necessary charges) for the purposes aforesaid, provided they shall Judge that by means thereof he will Effectually carry on said Business, and not otherwise.

[CHAPTER 8.]

} *State of* }
} *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE CONGREGATIONAL, AND PRESBYTERIAN SOCIETIES IN GOFFE'S TOWN TO SETTLE AND MAINTAIN THE GOSPEL MINISTRY, AND TO TRANSACT OTHER PRUDENTIAL AFFAIRS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE SOCIETIES

[Passed March 31, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 70; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 237.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of said Goffe's town at a legal Meeting held there by Adjournment on the 29th day of January 1781 did mutually agree upon a Separation between the Congregation and Presbyterian Societies by a Poll—neither of which Societies so intended to be separated, have any legal right, to act as a Body politic in supplying the Ministry, building or repairing Meeting Houses, or other Affairs necessary to their respective Societies, but can only act separately, as so many individuals.

For remedy whereof

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened And it is hereby Enacted by the Authority of the same That such of the Freeholders and legal Inhabitants of said Town qualified by law to vote in ministerial Affairs as shall Poll according to said Agreement of said Town to the Presbyterian Congregation shall be, and they hereby are authorized & impowered to transact all matters incident and useful to the said Societies, by themselves, as a Body Politic and Corporate, in ministerial matters only, by the name of the Presbyterian Society in Goffestown—And likewise that the remaining Freeholders, and legal Inhabitants as aforesaid, who do not poll in the aforesaid manner to the said Presbyterian Society (Excepting Quakers or others who shall be exempted by Law, shall be, and they are, hereby authorized and impowered, in like manner

to transact the affairs of their Society by themselves as a Body politic and Corporate, in ministerial matters only, by the name of the Congregational Society in Goffe's town,

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that each of the said Societies respectively, shall annually hold, on the third Monday in April a Meeting of the Freeholders and Inhabitants of such Society qualified by Law, to vote in ministerial Affairs, upon legal notice thereof to be given by their Clerk, or such others as the Society may appoint : And by the major Vote of such Assembly, then and there shall chuse, a Clerk, Wardens, Collector, and other necessary Officers, who shall be sworn in the same manner as Town Officers, to the faithful performance of the Trust reposed in them : And such Officers when so chosen, shall be under the same Regulation have the same Authority, and be under, and observe the same rules, in assessing, and collecting all moneys, voted, and granted by such Society & other prudential affairs, as the Selectmen Constable, or other Town Officers, in their Offices respectively. And the Selectmen for the time being, shall, for a reasonable gratuity, furnish the Wardens, of each Society (if required) with a Copy of the Inventory of each Society whereby to proportion their ministerial Taxes.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That it shall and may be Lawful, for the legal Voters of each of said Societies in any legal Meeting of such Society, as often as they shall see occasion to make choice of, and by themselves, or others by them appointed, to agree with a Minister or Ministers for the supply of such Societies, and from time to time, to vote such Sums as they may think necessary for the support of the Gospel, or other incidental Charges—which the Town, has now by Law a right to do. And all Votes, resolutions, Orders Contracts or Agreements, of either of said Societies, shall be duly recorded, and held good, and valid in Law, as the Votes of any Town or Parish in like Case.—And each of said Societies shall be under the same Obligations for the support of the Ministry, as other Districts, or Parishes are, and have the same privileges, and observe the same rules for calling Meetings of their Societies, as are by law prescribed in Towns and Parishes—And Col^o Moses Kelly is hereby appointed, and authorized to notify and warn the first meeting in said Congregational Society and Alexander Gilchrist is also appointed, and authorized to call the first Meeting in said Presbyterian Society.

Provided always, that notwithstanding any persons polling as aforesaid to either Society, he, She or they, and their Estates, shall be held, bound, and liable, and subject to pay, with others, all debts, Contracts, votes, Grants, or agreements, due, agreed upon, or voted in the said Town, previous to the passing of this Act or in either of said Societies, before his or her polling from such Society. And be it further Enacted, that all persons who

shall come to live and settle in said Town hereafter, and all Minors who are or shall be Inhabitants there, who shall desire to belong to the said Presbyterian Society, shall within six months after their coming to live in said Town or attaining to the Age of Twenty one Years respectively, enter their names and such desire with the Clerk of the presbyterian Society, and shall also produce to the Town Clerk a Certificate thereof, and Enter the same with him, And that all who shall do so, shall be deemed and taken to belong to the said Presbyterian Society, and shall be rated to the ministerial charges of that Society only—And that such as do not enter their names and desire as aforesaid shall be deemed to belong to the said Congregational Society, and shall be there rated to all ministerial Charges accordingly.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF EXETER BY THE NAME OF PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY

[Passed April 3, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 71 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 241. See act of June 14, 1783.]

Whereas the Education of Youth has ever been considered by the wise & good, as an object of the highest consequence to the safety & happiness of a People ; as at an early period in life the mind easily receives & retains impressions ; and is most susceptible of the Rudiments of useful knowledge ; And whereas the Honorable John Phillips of Exeter in the County of Rockingham Esquire, is desirous of giving to Trustees hereinafter to be appointed, certain Lands & personal Estate to be by said Trustees forever appropriated & expended for the support of a public Free School or Academy in the Town of Exeter ; and whereas the Execution of such an important design, will be attended with very great embarrassments unless by an Act of Incorporation said Trustees & their Successors, shall be authorised to commence & prosecute actions at Law, and transact such other matters in a Corporate capacity as the Interest of the said Academy shall require—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, and by the authority of the same, That there be & hereby is established in the Town of Exeter, and County of Rockingham an Academy by the name of the Phillips Exeter Academy, for the purpose of promoting piety & virtue, and for the education of Youth in the English Latin, and Greek Languages ; in Writing, Arithmetic, Musick, & the Art of Speaking ;

Practical Geometry, Logic, and Geography, and such other of the Liberal Arts and Sciences or Languages as opportunity may hereafter permit, and as the Trustees hereinafter provided shall direct—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Honorable John Phillips Esquire Daniel Tilton Esquire Thomas Odiorne Esquire and Benjamin Thurston Gentleman all of Exeter aforesaid, John Pickering of Portsmouth Esquire, and the Reverend David McClure of North Hampton Clerk, all in the County of Rockingham and State of New Hampshire, and the Honorable Samuel Phillips Jun^r of Andover in the County of Essex and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Esquire, be and they hereby are nominated and appointed Trustees of said Academy, and they are hereby incorporated into a body politic, by the name of the Trustees of the Phillips Exeter Academy; and that they and their Successors shall be and continue a body-politic and corporate, by the same name forever—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Trustees, and their Successors, shall have one Common Seal, which they may make use of in any cause or business that relates to the said office of Trustees of said Academy; and they shall have power and authority to break, change, & renew the said Seal from time to time, as they shall see fit; and that they may sue and be sued in all actions real, personal and mixed, and prosecute and defend the same to final Judgment and Execution, by the name of the Trustees of the Phillips Exeter Academy—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said John Phillips Esquire and others the Trustees aforesaid, the longest livers and survivors of them, and their Successors, be the true and sole Visitors, Trustees and Governors of the said Academy, in perpetual succession forever, to be continued in the way and manner hereinafter specified, with full power and authority to elect such Officers of the said Academy as they shall judge necessary and convenient; and to make and ordain such laws, orders and rules, for the Good Government of said Academy, as to them the said Trustees, Governors and Visitors aforesaid, and their Successors, shall from time to time, according to the various occasions and circumstances seem most fit and requisite; all which shall be observed by the Officers, Scholars and servants of the said Academy, upon the penalties therein contained: Provided notwithstanding, that the said Rules, Laws and Orders be no ways contrary to the laws of this State—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the number of said Trustees, and their Successors, shall not at any one time be more than seven, nor less than four; four of whom shall constitute a Quorum for transacting business; and a major part of the members present, at any legal meeting, shall decide all questions that shall come before them, except in the instances hereinafter excepted; That the Principal Instructor for the time

being shall ever be one of the said Trustees ; That a major part shall be Laymen and respectable Freeholders ; Also that all elections of the said Trustees shall be so governed in future, that a major part shall consist of Men who are not Inhabitants of the Town where the Academy is situate—And to perpetuate the succession of said Trustees—

Be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that as often as one or more of the Trustees of said Academy shall die or resign, or in the Judgment of a major part of the other Trustees, be rendered by age or otherwise, incapable of discharging the duties of his Office, then & so often, the Trustees surviving and remaining, or the major part of them, shall elect one or more persons to supply the Vacancy or Vacancies so happening—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Trustees aforesaid, and their Successors, be and they hereby are rendered capable in Law to take and receive by Gift, Grant, Devise, Bequest or otherwise, any Lands Tenements or other Estate, real and personal ; provided, that the annual income of the said real estate shall not exceed the sum of five hundred pounds ; and the annual income of the said personal estate shall not exceed the sum of two thousand pounds ; both sums to be valued in Silver at the rate of six shillings and eight pence by the ounce ; To Have and to Hold the same to them the said Trustees, and their Successors, on such Terms, and under such conditions and limitations as may be expressed in any deed or instrument of conveyance which shall be made to them—Provided always, that neither the said Trustees nor their Successors shall ever hereafter receive any grant or donation, the Condition whereof shall require them or any others concerned, to act in any respect counter, to the design of the first Grantor ; And all Deeds and Instruments which the said Trustees shall make, when made in the name of said Trustees, & sign'd and deliver'd by four of the said Trustees at least, and Sealed with their Common Seal, shall bind the said Trustees and their Successors and be valid in law—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if it shall hereafter be judged upon mature, and impartial consideration of all circumstances by two thirds of all the Trustees, that for good and substantial reasons which at this time do not exist, the true design of this institution will be better promoted by removing the Academy from the Place where it is founded ; it shall be in the power of the said Trustees to remove it accordingly, and to establish it in such other place within this State, as they shall judge to be best calculated for carrying into effectual execution the intention of the founder—

And whereas the said institution may be of very great and general advantage to this state, and deserves every encouragement—

Be it therefore enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all the Lands Tenements and personal Estate, that shall be given to said

Trustees for the use of said Academy, shall be and hereby are forever exempted from all Taxes whatsoever—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A TRACT OF LAND HERETOFORE KNOWN BY THE NAME OF SAVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE—

[Passed April 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 72; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 257.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferr'd to the General Assembly by the Inhabitants of a certain Tract of Land in the County of Cheshire commonly known by the Name of Saville—setting forth that they labour under great Inconveniencies for Want of an Incorporation and praying that they may be incorporated and that the said Tract of Land may hereafter bear the Name of Wendell of which Petition and the Order of Court thereupon due Notice hath been given and no Objection being made thereto—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same, That the said Tract of Land containing all the Lands and bounded as set forth in the Charter or Grant thereof be now erected & incorporated into a Township by the Name of Wendell—And the Inhabitants of the said Town are hereby erected into a Body politic and corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever and are invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights, Privileges, Benefits and Immunities which any Town within this State legally possess, hold and enjoy—To hold to the said Inhabitants And their Successors forever by the Name of Wendell aforesaid And Samuel Gunnison Esqr is hereby fully authorized and empowered to call a Meeting of the said Inhabitants for the Purpose of chusing all necessary and customary Town Officers, giving fourteen Days Notice thereof at least, of the Time, Place and Design of the said Meeting and the officers then and there chosen shall be invested with all the Powers Privileges and Authorities that the officers of any other Town in this State are by Law invested with, and every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that Purpose shall be on the last Wednesday of March forever—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOSEPH KELLY OF NOTTINGHAM WEST IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH AND STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE GENTLEMAN TO FILE A COMPLAINT AT THE FIRST SUPERIOUR COURT OF JUDICATURE TO BE HELD IN THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE AGAINST ABEL SAWYER JUN^r :—

[Passed April 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8. p. 73; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 252.]

Whereas a petition hath been presented to the General Assembly by Joseph Kelly above named, praying that he may have Leave to file a Complaint against Abel Sawyer jun^r of Newbury in the County of Essex and Common Wealth of Massachusetts Trader, upon a Judgment obtained by the said Kelly at the Inferior Court of Common pleas began & held at Amherst within and for the County of Hillsborough on the first Tuesday of January Anno Domini 1781. from which Judgment the said Sawyer appealed to the then Next Superiour Court to be holden at Amherst within & for the County aforesaid on the Last Tuesday of February then Next at which time and place the said Kelly by his own Neglect was deprived of Filing a Complaint on the Judgment aforesaid and Getting the same Affirmed and for his Additional Cost—and praying that he may have Leave to prosecute the Same in the same manner as though the Complaint had been entered in order at the Superiour Court held at said Amherst at the time by Law it ought to have been done. And the facts Contained in said petition being made to appear And the prayer of said petition appearing Reasonable

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the said Joseph Kelly have Liberty to Enter his Complaint against said Sawyer at the Next Sitting of the Superiour Court within the said State of New Hampshire in the same manner as though the Complaint had been entered in order at the Superiour Court at said Amherst in February Last—And the said Superiour Court are hereby Authorized to Give Judgment and Award Execution thereon for damages and Costs Accordingly.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL CERTAIN CLAUSES IN AN ACT PASSED IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1773 ENTITLED "AN ACT FOR "FIXING THE TIMES & PLACES FOR HOLDING THE COURTS "IN THE COUNTIES OF STRAFFORD & GRAFTON." AND FOR MAKING AN ADDITION TO SAID ACT.

[Passed April 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8 p. 74; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 248, Laws, 1780 ed., p. 242. The act referred to is dated Feb. 5, 1773. See act of March 22, 1782. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas in & by said Act it is enacted "that a Superior Court "of Judicature be held at Dover on the last Tuesdays of May "Annually." And that there shall be held "a Court of General "Sessions of the peace on the Second Tuesdays of January July "& October at Dover Annually. And an Inferior Court of Common pleas on the first Thursdays next following the Second "Tuesdays of January, July & October at the same place Annually. And that this regulation shall continue for the Term of "seven years, and after that time the said Superior Court to be "held at Dover & Wolfborough Alternately. And the said Courts "of General Session of the peace, and the said Inferior Courts of "July & October to be held at Wolfborough." And whereas the said Seven years is now near expired, and the removal of said Courts to Wolfborough appearing not to be for the public good—Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council & Assembly and by the Authority of the Same that all & every of the before recited Clauses so far as they relate to removing the said Courts to Wolfborough, be and they hereby are repealed & made null and Void

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Superior Court of Judicature, Court of General Sessions of the peace, and Inferior Court of Common pleas continue to be holden at Said Dover, at the Several & respective Terms as they were by law holden within the year last past. This Act to be in force for the Term of Two years & no longer

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A
 FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF WINNIPESIOKEE RIVER IN
 SOLOMON COPP OF SANDBORNTOWN HIS HEIRS & ASSIGNS.

[Passed April 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 75; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 254.]

Whereas a very considerable number of the Inhabitants of Gilmantown & Sanborntown in the County of Strafford have petitioned the General Court representing that Solomon Copp of Sandborntown hath for several years last past been at great expence in providing & keeping a ferry Boat in repair to Accomodate people in crossing Winnepesokee River at a place called Mohawk point in said Gilmantown, and prayed that the exclusive right of keeping a ferry within certain limits there may be Granted to the said Solomon Copp his heirs & Assigns for so long a time as he or they shall provide & keep a Good Boat Suitable for the purpose, and proper Attendance

Which representation appearing just & reasonable Therefore Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same That the sole & exclusive Right & privilege of keeping a Ferry over said River in any place within a Mile of said Mohawk point be & hereby is granted to & Vested in him the said Solomon Copp his heirs & Assigns he & they from time to time as the same shall fall giving bond with Surety in the sum of Ten pounds new Emission to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Strafford that the said Ferry shall be constantly attended & well kept.

And be it further enacted by the Authority afores^d that if any person or persons shall for hire, or reward Transport over said River within a Mile of said Mohawk point any creature, person, or thing; such person so transporting shall forfeit & pay to the said Solomon Copp his heirs or Assigns the sum of Twenty Shillings new Emission for each person, Creature or thing so Transported, to be recovered by Action of Debt before any Justice of the peace within the said County.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ROBERT SMITH, TRUSTEE OF THE CONFISCATED ESTATE OF STEPHEN HOLLAND LATE OF LONDONDERRY, AN ABSENTEE FROM THIS STATE, TO COMMENCE AND PROSECUTE AN ACTION IN HIS OWN NAME IN HIS SAID CAPACITY, AGAINST WILLIAM STINSON & JOHN CLARK ON A CERTAIN BOND

[Passed April 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 76; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 250.]

Whereas Robert Smith of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid Gentleman Trustee of the Confiscated Estate that belonged to Stephen Holland late of Said Londonderry Esq^r an Absentee from Said State, Hath Petitioned the General Assembly, Setting forth that there is now in the Custody of William Stinson of Dunbarton in the County of Hillsborough and John Clark of Londonderry aforesaid, a Considerable part of the Personal Estate of Said Holland, for which the Said Clark & Stinson on the 7th of May AD 1777. gave their Bond to the Selectmen & Committee of Safety of s^d Londonderry their Successors &c—Conditioned for the Fathfull Delivery of Said Personal Estate According to an Inventory taken the Same day, unto the Said Selectmen and Committee of Safety or their Successors, which they have not yet performed—and there Arising great Doubts with Gentlemen of the Law, about the propriety & indeed Possibillity of Maintaining an Action on the bond aforesaid, there being no Successorship to one of the parties in the Bond, Therefore praying that he may be Authorized to Commence and prosecute an Action thereon in his own name in his Capacity aforesaid, which Petition being duely Considered, and the prayer thereof Appearing to be Reasonable and the granting thereof for the Public good, Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives and by the Authority of the Same it is Enacted That the Said Robert Smith in his Said Capacity of Trustee Be and hereby is fully Impowered and Authorized to Commence, in his own name in Said Capacity, any Action or Actions for recovering the forfeiture of Said bond, or Damages in Chancery thereupon, & Costs, and the Same to prosecute to final Judgment and Execution

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE WINTHROP PICKERING TO APPEAL FROM A JUDGMENT OF THE INFERIOR COURT OF COMMON PLEAS HELD AT PORTSMOUTH IN NOVEMBER A D 1780 AGAINST HIM IN FAVOUR OF ICHABOD BRACKETT, TO THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE TO BE HELD AT PORTSMOUTH THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF APRIL 1781 BY ADJOUR'MENT—

[Passed April 5, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 77; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 120.]

Whereas the said Pickering has petitioned the general Court representing that his body being taken by writ returnable to said Inferior Court at the suit of a Peter Drowne for two thousand Dollars the said Bracket became bail for his appearance at said Court, That he to indemnify said Bracket gave him a note for the said Sum which he sued to the same Court That he said Pickering ignorant or not aware of the Consequence neglected to appear and answer the suit of the said Bracket by means whereof he (no ways damnified by being bail in the said Drowns Suit, which is discharged) recovered judgment against said Pickering for said Sum & Costs, took out Execution thereon & has caused him to be confin'd in the Gaol in Exeter for a sum of money which he does not owe

And praying that an Appeal may be granted him from the said judgment to the said Superior Court & that he may be liberated from Gaol giving proper Security to prosecute said Appeal—Which representation appearing true & said prayer reasonable

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the authority of the Same that the said Winthrop Pickering be & he hereby is authorized to enter an Appeal from the said judgment at the said Superior Court of judicature to be held at Portsmouth on the fourth Tuesday of April 1781 by adjournment & to give an issuable plea there, and the said Court is hereby impowered to sustain the said Appeal & to proceed in the trial of said Case as fully to all intents & purposes as if the said Appeal had been seasonably and regularly demanded and prosecuted—Provided the said Pickering shall cause a Copy of this Act to be read to the said Bracket Eight days at least before the sitting of the said Superior Court of Judicature

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That upon the said Pickering's giving proper security to prosecute said appeal

with Effect & to answer and pay all intervening damages occasioned to the Appellee & Additional Costs, in case the said judgment be affirmed he shall be immediately liberated from Gaol on account of said Execution and the said Execution made null & void

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO LEVY A DUTY NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PER CENT. UPON GOODS IMPORTED INTO, AND PRIZES CONDEMNED WITHIN THIS STATE—

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 78; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 276. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 241. Repealed by the acts of Jan. 2, 1784 and June 20, 1792.]

Whereas it is necessary that the said Congress should have a permanent Fund for the discharge of the Debts already contracted and which may be contracted on the faith of the said United States for supporting the present War; therefore in order for the establishing such a fund—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same; That the said Congress be, & hereby are Authorized and impowered to levy for the discharging of said Debts a Duty not exceeding five per Cent. ad Valorem at the time and place of Importation, upon all Goods Wares and Merchandize of foreign growth and Manufactures which may be imported into this State from any foreign Port Island or Plantation after the first Day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty one—Except Arms Ammunition Cloathing and other Articles Imported on account of the United States or any of them and except Wool Cards and Cotton Cards and Wire for making them and also except Salt during the present War—

And that the said Congress be and hereby are authorized & impowered to levy for the Purpose aforesaid a further Duty not exceeding five per Cent on all Prizes and Prize Goods condemned in the Maritime Court of this State, as lawful Prize and that the said Duties be continued until the said Debts shall be fully and finally discharged—

Provided Nevertheless that this Act shall not extend or be construed to extend so far as to empower Congress to proceed to the Execution of the powers by this Act vested in them untill the legislatures of all the united States except such as are excepted

by the Resolution of Congress of the 7 of Feb^r 1781 Shall vest in Congress the power of levying Duties agreeably to their Resolutions of the 3^d & 7 of Feb^r afores^d

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REGULATE THE PROCEEDINGS FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES THAT MAY BE ACCIDENTALLY OR OTHERWISE KINDLED AMONG BUILDINGS, TO PREVENT THE KEEPING FIRES IN UNSUITABLE HOUSES AND PLACES, TO PRESERVE GOODS ENDANGERED BY SUCH FIRES, AND TO REMOVE OR DEMOLISH BUILDINGS JUDGED TO BE DANGEROUS TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY.

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8. p. 79; recorded Acts vol. 4. p. 263. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 248; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 178. This act repeals the acts of March 3, 1758, March 6, 1761 and Dec. 17, 1763. See additional act of June 17, 1794 and act of Nov. 30, 1803.]

Whereas it frequently happens when buildings contiguous take fire, that the people assembled to extinguish it, proceed without order or regularity, whereby the end in view is often defeated. And as goods at such a time are inevitably exposed to plunder some hardy evil minded persons take advantage of the calamity and steal such goods whereby the loss of such Sufferers is increased And the laws of this State respecting the proceedings to extinguish fires &c being found ineffectual for the purposes for which they were made Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in general Assembly convened, That all and every law of this State and every clause therein respecting the extinguishing such fires and proceedings thereat be and hereby are repealed and declared null and void. And

Be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the freeholders and other inhabitants of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid, being qualified voters may at their annual or other legal town meeting, chuse and appoint any suitable number of freeholders therein, being persons of approved ability and fidelity, who shall be denominated Firewards and have for a distinguishing badge of their office a staff of five feet long painted red, and headed with a bright brass spire six inches long. And the Firewards aforementioned are hereby required upon notice of the breaking out of fire in said town to take with them the badges of their office and immediately repair to the place where such fire may be & vigorously exert themselves and require and demand

assistance of any inhabitants of said town to extinguish and prevent the spreading of such fire and to remove goods and effects out of any house or places endangered thereby. And the Firewards may appoint necessary guards to secure and take care of such goods and effects. And the said Firewards are hereby impowered to require and demand assistance from said inhabitants to pull down, blow up, or remove any house or buildings provided it shall be thought necessary by a majority of y^e Firewards then present for the preventing of the spreading and progress of such fire and they are hereby impowered to suppress with force if necessary all tumults and disorders and to order and direct the labour of all persons present during the continuance of the fire and the inhabitants aforesaid are hereby required to yield due obedience thereto. And if any such inhabitant shall refuse or neglect to obey the orders of such Firewards or any of them in a time of fire, acting within his limits and in a matter whereunto his office relates, such offender shall upon due conviction thereof pay a fine not exceeding Ten Pounds: Provided such offender be prosecuted therefor within Six months from the time of committing the offence.

And

Be it further enacted That if any person shall assume the office of a Fireward not being thereunto legally chosen as aforesaid or shall use the badge aforesaid he shall be liable to pay a fine of fifteen pounds

Be it further enacted That if any evil minded person or persons shall take advantage of such calamity to plunder, embezzle, convey away or conceal any goods or effects of any inhabitant of or resident in said town at the time of such fire and Shall not restore or give notice thereof to the owner or owners if known or bring said goods or effects to some place appointed by the Firewards within the space of five days after proclamation for that purpose, the person or persons so offending and being convicted thereof shall suffer the same pains as by law provided in case of Theft. and the penalty of ten fold the Value of the Goods so plundered embezzled or concealed—And

Be it further enacted That the major part of such Firewards present at any such fire are hereby impowered to cause any houses or buildings to be pulled down, blown up, or removed as they shall judge necessary to stop the progress of such fire. And if by destroying any such houses or buildings as aforesaid the fire shall be stopped or if the fire shall be stopped before it reach the same, every owner of such house or building shall receive a reasonable satisfaction for the damages sustained thereby, to be paid by the other inhabitants of said town, to which end the Selectmen of the town for the time being on application are hereby ordered to compute and adjust the value of said house or building and the damage sustained by the destruction thereof as aforesaid according to equity and to assess the polls and estates in said town liable to

make good such value and damage, in a just proportion as for other town-taxes which Shall be levied as other town-taxes are. And if such Selectmen shall refuse or neglect to adjust said damages or to make adequate compensation for such loss the party aggrieved may apply to the court of general sessions of the peace for said County at the expiration of three months after such damages sustained, for redress, which court are hereby empowered to support hear and determine such complaint and give judgment thereon according to equity and in case they find the complaint just, shall render judgment for the complainant for adequate damages & costs. For which they shall assess the said inhabitants except the complainant in manner as the law directs the Selectmen to do for other town rates which Shall be levied & collected in the same manner as other town-taxes and paid by the collector to the complainant. But it is to be understood that if the house or building wherein or whereat the fire first began be pulled down or blown up by order of said Firewards or when any other house or building shall be pulled down or blown up by order of said Firewards to stop the progress of the fire and it is not stopped thereby and it appears to the firewards that the same must have been absolutely burnt had it not been pulled down or blown up, in such case the owner of any such house or building shall not be entitled to such compensation as aforesaid.

Be it further enacted That the Firewards of said Portsmouth or the major part of them are hereby empowered to inspect and search all houses and places within their limits wherein they apprehend any danger may arise for want of repairs of buildings or chimneys or from not laying a good foundation for fireplaces or by reason of bad chimneys or hay or other combustible matter being so near or so exposed to fire as to be likely to take fire thereby and communicate it—in all or any of which cases it shall be the duty of the said Firewards to inspect and search as aforesaid and to order the owner or occupant of any such dangerous houses chimneys or places to make such amendments repairs and alterations therein as the said Firewards shall judge necessary for the public Safety Which Shall be made accordingly within thirty days (unless the Firewards think fit to lengthen that time) from the time of giving notice to the owner or occupant. And if the same shall not be done according to such order, then the said Firewards or major part of them are hereby empowered to cause the same to be done and the Selectmen of said town for the time being are hereby required to furnish money for that purpose. And the said Selectmen in behalf of the town shall have and maintain an action against the owner or occupant aforesaid for the money so advanced and the reasonable services of ^sd Firewards in causing the same to be done in which action the said Selectmen shall recover double costs. And every such decayed building in which the owner does not dwell or occupy which said Firewards

apprehend to be dangerous and not worth repairing they may cause the same to be demolished at the cost of the owner or occupant to be recovered as aforesaid; but the materials shall remain for the use of the owner. except when the owner or owners live out of this state and there is no occupant in said decayed and dangerous buildings, the charge of demolishing such buildings shall be defrayed by sale of the materials and the overplus money if any after deducting said charge and expence of sale shall be deposited in the hands of the Selectmen of said town for the use of the owner or owners.

And any tenant who shall be obliged to pay any sum of money by virtue of this act where his lessor ought to have paid the same, shall be allowed for the same out of the rent of the tenement he holds and may justify the withholding so much from the owner or person to whom the same is payable unless the parties concerned shall otherwise agree and adjust the matter. And

Be it further enacted That every house of two stories high which has four fire places shall be provided with one Leather buckett, every such house having six fireplaces shall be provided with two such Buckets and having Eight or more fireplaces, with four Buckets as afores^d fit for and to be used in case of y^e breaking out of fire which buckets shall be provided and constantly kept for the use aforesaid at the charge of the owner of every such house. And every house shall have thereon a good secure ladder or ladders reaching from the ground to the ridge-pole provided by the owner or occupant and if provided at the charge of the occupant to be allowed as aforesaid.—And if any person or persons shall neglect to provide and keep said bucketts and ladders as before required herein, each person so offending shall pay two pounds for every three months neglect therein.

And the said Firewards are hereby authorized to examine and determine as to the observation and compliance with this act and shall be allowed as competent witnesses in any suit that may be commenced for any forfeiture incurred by virtue of this act And all such fines and forfeitures shall be applied by the Firewards to purchase tools and instruments proper to be used at such fires as may accidentally or otherwise happen in said town.

And whereas it may not be necessary at present to oblige the owners of houses situated at a distance from the compact part of said town tho' within the limits thereof to provide bucketts as this act directs. And whereas there may be some persons within the compact part of the town unable to procure such bucketts within the time prescribed

Therefore be it enacted That it shall be in y^e power of the Firewards as they shall judge proper to excuse the owners of any such detached houses from providing such bucketts And also to grant a further time not exceeding one year to such persons living in the compact part of said town as the Firewards shall judge unable

to procure such bucketts at present and to substitute other kind of bucketts for that end in the mean time. That all fines & penalties inflicted by this Act be deemed & taken in Silver money at the rate of Six Shillings & eight pence $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce or the Value thereof in any current paper Bills of Credit

And be it further Enacted that any Town or Towns in this State at their Annual Meeting or any other Meeting called for that purpose may adopt the aforesaid Act, in which Case it shall be considered to extend to such Town or Towns adopting the same as fully to all intents and purposes as to the Town of Portsmouth.

[CHAPTER 18.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT OF THIS STATE ENTITLED AN ACT AGAINST TREASON AND MISPRISION OF TREASON & FOR REGULATING TRYALS IN SUCH CASES & FOR DIRECTING THE MODE OF EXECUTING JUDGMENTS AGAINST PERSONS CONVICTED OF THOSE CRIMES—AND ALSO IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT FOR PREVENTING & PUNISHING SUCH OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE AS DO NOT AMOUNT TO TREASON OR MISPRISION OF TREASON.

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 80; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 272. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 247. See two acts of Jan. 17, 1777 and Feb. 8, 1791. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the aforesaid Acts do not answer the good & salutary ends for which they were designed: And it appears necessary that some farther provision should be made

Therefore Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened; and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted. That if any person who is a citizen or subject of this State or of any of the united States of America residing within this State & under the protection of its laws shall adhere to the enemies of this State or of the said united States, & in any manner afford them aid & comfort within this State or elsewhere or shall by writing profess or declare that the King of Great Britain hath or of right ought to have any authority or dominion in or over this State or the Inhabitants thereof or that he or they owe allegiance to the said King within the same; or shall seduce or persuade any inhabitant or inhabitants of this State to renounce his or their Allegiance to this State & the government thereof as a free & independent State—or to acknowl-

edge allegiance or subjection to the King or Crown of Great Britain—and be thereof convicted shall be adjudged guilty of High Treason against this State & be put to Death

And be it further enacted That if any person who is a citizen or subject of this State, or any of the united States of America residing within this State & under the protection of its laws shall by words profess & declare that the King of Great Britain hath or of right ought to have any Authority or Dominion in & over this State or the inhabitants thereof—or that he or they owe allegiance to said King within the same—or shall attempt or endeavor to seduce or persuade any inhabitant or inhabitants of this State to renounce his or their Allegiance to this State or the government thereof as a free & independent State—or to acknowledge subjection or Allegiance to the King or Crown of Great Britain—and be thereof convicted shall suffer imprisonment in some Goal within this State during the continuance of the present war—

And be it further enacted—That any subject of this State or of any of the united States of America—who have joined or shall hereafter join the enemies of this State or put themselves under the power & protection of the said enemy's who shall come into this State, and rob or plunder any person or persons of their goods or effects, or shall burn any dwelling-house or other building or be aiding or assisting therein—shall not be considered & treated as prisoners of war but being convicted thereof, before the Superior Court or before a general Court martial shall suffer Death, or be otherwise punished by being whipped thirty nine stripes & confined in some Goal within this State during the Continuance of the present war, as the Court before whom the conviction is had, on consideration of the circumstances & aggravations of the offence, shall judge just & reasonable—And that every conviction of any of the afores^d Crimes shall work a forfeiture to this State of all the estate real & personal of the person or persons so convicted

[CHAPTER 19.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT 'TO REVIVE AN ACT PASSED THE TWENTY THIRD OF
 MARCH ANNO DOMINI SEVENTEEN HUNDRED & SEVENTY SIX,
 ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROMOTE THE INCREASE OF FISH"
 "CALLED ALEWIVES IN GREAT COHASS BROOK IN DERRY-"
 "FIELD."

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 81; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 275. See act of March 23, 1776.]

Whereas the said Act hath been found to be very beneficial,
 and the reviewing the same will be for the public good.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Represen-
 tatives, in General Assembly convened, that the Act above Men-
 tioned be and hereby is, revived to be in full force & Virtue, in
 all the parts & clauses thereof, for the term of five Years and no
 longer from the passing this Act.

[CHAPTER 20.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER OF THIS STATE AND THE
 TREASURERS OF THE SEVERAL COUNTIES WITHIN THIS STATE
 TO ISSUE THEIR EXECUTIONS FOR LEVYING STATE AND COUNTY
 TAXES RESPECTIVELY AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IN CERTAIN
 TOWNS AND PLACES IN THIS STATE

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 82; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 260. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 240; Perpetual Laws, 1789, ed., p. 219. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas some towns and Places in this State liable by law to
 pay public Taxes have through meanness or Avarice refused and
 neglected, and may hereafter refuse and neglect to chuse proper
 Officers for assessing and levying Taxes as by law they are impow-
 ered to do, in expectation of thereby eluding the Payment of
 their Proportion of the public Taxes—

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Represen-
 tatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the
 same That where any Town or Place within this State by Law

liable to pay public Taxes have refused or neglected or hereafter shall refuse or neglect to chuse proper Officers for assessing and levying Taxes according to law, And the Proportion of such Town or Place of the County or State Taxes shall remain unpaid twenty Days after the Time appointed by the State and County Treasurers Warrants respectively for the payment thereof, The Goods and Estates of each Individual of such Town and Place shall be liable and are hereby subjected to be taken in Execution for the payment of the Proportion of such Town or place of the annual County and State Tax And the Treasurer of this State and the Treasurers of the Several Counties respectively, are hereby authorized and required to issue Executions or Warrants of Distress against any two or more Inhabitants of such town or place as they shall judge proper, & against whom they shall think fit directed to the Sheriff of the County wherein such Town or Place is situated requiring him or either of them to levy by distress and Sale of the Goods or Estates of the Persons in such Executions or Warrants named the respective sums at which such Town or Place is or shall be proportioned to the state or County Taxes And the Sheriffs of the several Counties in this State and their Deputies in their Several Precincts are hereby Authorized & required forthwith to levy the Same accordingly--

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority Aforesaid That the Persons from whom such Sums shall be levied as aforesaid Shall have Contribution against the other Inhabitants of Such Town or Place where they belong for such Sums and all Costs Charges & Damages they may have been put to by such Distraint & shall recover double costs of Suit

[CHAPTER 21.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE LAW ALREADY IN FORCE FOR THE REGULATION OF SWINE

[Passed April 6, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 83; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 279. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 244; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 174. See acts of March 1, 1760, Sept. 8 1767 and Jan. 15, 1771. Part of this act is repealed by the act of June 17, 1783. Repealed wholly June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the law already in force relating to the regulation of Swine is found ineffectual for that purpose and by suffering them to run at large unyoked and unringed they prove to be a public nuisance, as well as greatly injurious to particular persons, and the owners of them are often losers by the damages those animals sustain by running in Streets and highways : Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened, That no owner or owners of any Swine, shall suffer them to go at large within the compact part of the town of Portsmouth, which is hereby limited as followeth, viz a line by the river, and running up that branch thereof, which leads to Boyds Mills, so called and up the Mill pond to the head of the creek, and then up the highway leading to the Pound from the said head of the creek, aforesaid, and so along the highway leading to the Mill dam, so called, 'till it comes to the House formerly Edward Cate's, then to run down the highway, leading to Little Harbour, so far as that a Strait line to that part of the river called Little Harbour, will take in land lately Samuel Monson's, on penalty of forfeiting twenty Shillings in silver at six Shillings and eight pence an ounce or paper equivalent thereto for each offence, for each Swine, found going at large as aforesaid, to be recovered by action of debt before any justice of the peace within this State, by any person that will inform and sue for the same, to the use of the prosecutor, with cost of prosecution

And where any swine are found running at Large within the limits aforesaid, and the owner is not known, any person may exhibit an information thereof, setting forth the artificial marks (if any) on such Swine, or the most obvious natural marks; and the justice shall give the informer three notifications, who shall place them at three different public places in the town of Portsmouth, and shall suspend giving judgment thereon, forty-eight hours next after giving such notifications: and if no owner shall appear at the expiration of that time, the said swine shall be forfeited; and the said justice shall declare the same to be forfeited, to the use of the poor of said town, and the justice shall give sentence accordingly (the overseers of the poor of the town paying the justice his legal fees, and the informer twenty shillings as aforesaid or more if the justice on examining the circumstances shall think he ought to have more, for his time and trouble for proceeding and attending therein) but if the overseers refuse so to do, the informer may sell the same to the highest bidder, and the allowance to him being made as aforesaid, shall pay the overseers half the neat profit thereof for the use of the poor as aforesaid—But if any owner shall appear And claim said swine, he shall be subject to the penalty first above mentioned, as the matter upon examination and trial shall appear to the justice aforesaid. And any person exhibiting such information, shall hereby have full power to take up such swine and keep them in custody until the case shall be determined as aforesaid—And if the owner shall be acquitted, and the swine restored, the said informant shall not be subjected to any action or damages for taking up and keeping such swine in custody as foresaid—

And Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, That no swine shall be suffered to go at large within this State without

being yoked and ringed according to law by the owner thereof, on penalty of the forfeiture of three shillings in silver at the rate aforesaid or paper equivalent thereto for each swine for each offence, to be recovered of the owner or owners of such swine in an action of debt before any justice of the peace by any person that will inform and sue for the same, with cost of prosecution, except it shall appear such swine were accidentally let out, and in case the owner of swine so found going at large shall not be known to the party finding them, he shall hereby have power to impound them, and shall give notice in the town or parish where they shall be so impounded, and in the two next towns by causing a notification thereof with the natural and artificial marks (if any) of such swine and by whom impounded, to be posted in some publick places in the respective towns aforesaid, and if no owner shall appear within six days after such Notifications are set up, or appearing shall refuse to pay the penalty aforesaid with charges of impounding and supporting the said swine, which the impounder shall cause to be done; then the party impounding said Swine may apply to a justice of the peace who is hereby ordered and directed to issue a warrant of appraisement to two suitable persons to appraise the said Swine upon oath (by him to be administered) of their impartiality therein. And the impounder may take such swine to his own use as in the case of impounding creatures taken damage feasant, which are not replivied at the appraised Value, observing the directions of the law in that case; and the party impounding any swine by virtue of this act shall be allowed all reasonable cost and charges for his trouble, assistance, time in driving, and charge in supporting the said swine as aforesaid, to be adjusted by the justice that grants the Warrant of Appraisement—And if no owner shall appear, and there remains any overplus money, the same shall be delivered to the Justice, who shall order the appraisement as aforesaid, to be by him paid and delivered to the overseers of the poor of such town or parish where the impounding is, for the use of the poor there—and the Hog reavers of each town and parish are hereby required to see this Act duly observed on penalty of five shillings like money to be recovered of them for each neglect by any person that will sue for the same

Provided nevertheless, that in any town or parish (having the powers and privileges of towns) where there is common and undivided Land, or lands lying in common and unfenced, where swine may feed to their advantage, such town or parish may at their annual meetings, yearly agree upon any method for regulating the swine within the same for that year, and carrying the same into execution, upon such pains and penalties as shall be adequate to that end

Provided also that a common train field, burying yard, landing place or lands left common for the use of the inhabitants about

any meeting house, or such like common of small parcels of land, shall not be construed to be within the proviso aforesaid—

Provided further, That no swine shall be permitted to go at large under the penalties aforesaid, without being well ringed in the nose, notwithstanding the liberty above declared—And whereas by the law above referred to the impounder may take the creatures not replevied at the appraised value, which if overpraised may be injurious to him—Therefore be it enacted, that in all cases of impounding where no replevin is executed, the impounder shall have his election either to take such creatures at the appraised value, or may expose them to sale by public vendue (giving twenty four hours public notice beforehand of the time and place of the intended sale) accounting for the overplus (if any) according to law—

And it is hereby enacted, that no yoke shall be accounted sufficient which is not the full depth of the swines neck above the neck, and half so much below the neck, and the sole or bottom of the Yoke to be three times so long as the thickness of the swines neck—

[CHAPTER 22.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO PREVENT FRAUD IN SHOES MADE FOR THE ARMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—

[Passed April 7, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 84; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 228. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 237.]

Whereas great fraud and deceit have been practised by Persons who have undertaken to make Shoes for the supply of the Army of said States, and grievous Complaints have been made concerning the same—for the future Prevention whereof

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted That all Shoes made and offered for sale for the Use of said Army shall be legibly marked or stamped with the name of the Maker on the Sole of said Shoes near the heel And in Case any Shoes shall be Offered for Sale to the Persons appointed under the Authority of this State or of said United States to receive the same for the Use of said Army not marked or Stamped as aforesaid they shall be forfeited to the use of this State And the Persons appointed to receive the Same as aforesaid are hereby severally authorized to seize and detain such Shoes for said Use, And in Case any Action shall be brought on account

thereof against them or either of them, they & each of them may plead the general issue, & give this act in Evidence & upon acquittal shall recover double Costs—

And be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid that proper persons in each Town where such Receivers dwell be Appointed by the General Court or their Committee of Safety whose duty it shall be to examine and inspect all shoes which shall be offered for Sale to said Receivers for the Use aforesaid—Who shall be under oath for the faithful & Impartial discharge of said Duty—And if such Shoes shall upon Inspection and Examination be found and adjudged by such Inspector to be made of bad Leather or deceitfully and insufficiently made he shall forthwith seize the same and they shall be, and hereby are declared to be, forfeited, for the Use of the Poor of the town or place where the person belongs who shall offer the same for sale And such Inspector shall sell said Shoes at public vendue, previously giving twenty four hours notice of the time and place of Sale by posting up an Advertisement of such sale in three public Places in the Town where such Seizure shall be made And the Proceeds thereof after deducting necessary Charges shall be delivered, when called for, to the Selectmen or either of them of the town or place where the person belongs who shall offer the said Shoes for sale, to be Appropriated towards the Maintenance of the poor of s^d town or place—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the person who shall forfeit such Shoes shall also forfeit the Sum of four Shillings at the rate of Silver at six Shillings and eight pence an ounce or bills of Credit equivalent thereto for each pair of Shoes seized as aforesaid one half to the Use of the poor of the Town or Place where such Shoes shall be seized and the other half for the use of the Person who shall sue for the Same, to be recovered by Action of Debt before any Justice of the Peace or any Court of Record of the County in which said Seizure shall be made And the Justices of the Peace of this State in their respective Counties are hereby authorized to try and give judgment and Issue Execution for the Same

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Inspectors shall have an adequate recompense paid them out of the Treasury of this State for their Services—And that if any Action shall be bro't against such Inspector for seizing or selling such Shoes he may plead the general Issue & give this Act in Evidence and justification and shall recover double Costs—

[CHAPTER 23.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AND ALTERATION OF AN ACT PASSED THE TWELFTH DAY OF JANUARY ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & EIGHTY ONE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR RAISING AND COMPLEATING THIS STATES QUOTA OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

[Passed April 7, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 85; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 285. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 238.]

Whereas the time for raising the said Quota in and by said act is limited to the first day of March one thousand seven hundred and eighty one which is found to have been too short

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same That the said Time be lengthened and extended to the first Day of June one thousand seven hundred and eighty one inclusive—

And Whereas by said Act the several Towns Parishes & Places within this State are confined to their respective Limits for procuring the several Quotas apportioned them to procure which has been found to have retarded their accomplishing the same

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Restriction be taken off and that they have liberty to procure their said Quotas where & in what manner it can most speedily and conveniently be effected.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That each Town Parish & Place which shall not by the Tenth day of June one thousand seven hundred & eighty one return into the Secretary's office, a List of the names of the men they have in the Army, have procured or shall procure & cause to be mustered pursuant to said Act, shall be subjected to the same penalty and forfeiture as those Towns are which shall not procure their Quotas within the time limited—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That if any Towns Parishes or Places in order to procure their Quotas shall chuse to class their inhabitants by the method by said act prescribed—each Class shall by the said first day of June procure an able bodied recruit and in case of failure such Class and the delinquent individuals thereof shall be assessed as in said Act is directed—

And whereas some men engaged in said service may be Claimed by two or more towns as part of their quota. Therefore Be it

further enacted that the Committee on Claims for this State be & they hereby are appointed a Committee to examine all the returns, which have been or may be made from the several muster masters, from the Several Towns & from the Army respecting such Soldiers & that they proceed upon said business immediately after the tenth day of June afores^d in order to ascertain to what town or place each Soldier may belong—& also what number of men any town or place may be deficient in towards their respective quotas—& that said Committee prepare a list of all such deficiencies as near as may be & lay the same before the Gen^l Court, in order that the delinquent towns & places may be fined for their delinquencies agreeably to the aforesaid Act.—

In the House of Representatives March 16th 1781.

Voted that the Rum & Sugar with which Major Bass supplied the six months men from this State last Campaign shall not be charged to them in the Bill.

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives March 28, 1781.

Voted that a Convention of Delegates from the Several Towns & places in this State be called in order to settle a plan of Governm^t for s^d State—& that said Convention be held at Concord in the State aforesaid on the first Tuesday in June next at three o'Clock in the afternoon—

Council concurred March 29.

[*Third Session, Held at Exeter, June 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30; July 2, 3, 4, 1781.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO TWO SEVERAL ACTS OF THIS STATE
 PASSED SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE PRESENT YEAR
 FOR RAISING & FILLING UP THIS STATES QUOTA OF THE
 CONTINENTAL ARMY

[Passed June 27, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 86; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 291. See acts of Jan. 12, 1781 and April 7, 1781.]

Whereas the Acts aforesaid have not fully Answered the good intention for which they were made, and it being necessary that the same should be compleated.

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, And it is hereby enacted that Ephraim Pickering Esq^r for Col^l Wentworth's Regiment—Major Benjamin Titcomb for Col^l Evans's Regiment—Cap^t Moses Leavitt for Col^l Moulton's—Cap^t Daniel Gordon for Col^l Gilman's—Cap^t John Underhill for Col^l John Webster's—Lieu^t Thomas Hardy for Col^l Bell's—Lieu^t David Bryent for Col^l Gale's—& Col^l Noah Love-well for his own Regiment—Cap^t Levi Spaulding for Col^l Kelley's Regiment—Cap^t Ebenezer Webster for Col^l Stickney's—Major Simon Marston for Col^l M^cClary's—Major Moses Baker for Col^l David Webster's—Major Davis Howlett for Col^l Ellis's—Major Daniel Rand for Col^l Hale's—Cap^t Josiah Goldsmith for the Regiment lately commanded by Col^l Bellows—Cap^t Ezekiel Ladd for Col^l Morey's regiment—Col^l Ebenezer Smith for his own Regiment—Cap^t Caleb Clark for Col^l Chase's, and Lien^t Nathan Hoit for Col^l Richardson's Regiment—

Be and they are hereby appointed fully authorized and impow-ered within the s^d Regiments respectively to call on each Town and request them Severally in the most earnest manner without the least delay to fill up their respective Quota's of men agreeable to the Act of this State passed January 12th 1781, or otherwise if they think the raising them for three years or during the War Impracticable to raise the number which they are deficient to serve until the last day of December next. And in case any Town parish or place within this State shall refuse or neglect to raise their full proportion or Quota of men agreeable to the Act afore-said or to Serve until the last day of December next, and shall be found so delinquent for the Space of ten days after the Notice

aforesaid, That then each and every of the persons before named shall forthwith proceed to hire as many Soldiers to serve until the last day of December next as shall be found wanting as afores^d in their Respective Regiments. And the same wages & depreciation shall be Allowed & paid the Soldiers engaged as aforesaid, as is Allowed and paid those who are now serving in the Regiments to which they shall be Joined.

And each and every Town delinquent as aforesaid shall be Obligated to pay all costs and Charges of hiring the number of men of which they are respectively delinquent, and also five, Sixth parts of the fine or penalty incurred by said former Act.

And be it further enacted, that the persons aforesaid shall as soon as possible present a fair and Equitable Account to the Selectmen of Each Town Respectively of the cost of hiring said men (including their own Reasonable Time & Expences) And if the said Selectmen shall not pay said Accounts within Thirty Days after the same is presented to them, that then said Accounts shall be Exhibited to the General Court, or Committee of Safety for Adjustment, and the President of said Court or Committee of Safety shall Certify the Amount thereof as Adjusted to the Treasurer of the State for the time being who shall Immediately on the Receipt thereof issue Execution against the Selectmen of Each of said delinquent Towns.

And the men raised to serve until the last day of December next, shall be sent forward with the utmost Speed to be Mustered by the Muster Masters respectively who were appointed by the Act aforesaid to Muster the men raised for Three years or during the War

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE TITLE AND PROPERTY OF CERTAIN LAND IN ACKWORTH IN ROBERT M^cGREGORE ESQUIRE.

[Passed June 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 87; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 295.]

Whereas Robert M^cgregore of Goffestown in the County of Hillsborough Esquire, hath petitioned the General Assembly setting forth, "that being desirous of purchasing some land in Ackworth within said State, he (some time in the Year 1772) applied to Col^o James Rogers, then living in Kent in the State of New York, who for a Valueable Consideration then paid, agreed to sell to said Robert, a certain Lot of Land in said Ackworth, being Lot

Nº Two. in the third range, and to give him a Deed of said land being One hund^d Acres valid and effectual in Law; But that the said Rob^t had neglected to demand the said Deed And the said Rogers hath gone over to the Enemy without executing such Deed, and praying that the said Lot of Land might not be sold by the Agent appointed to sell confiscated lands, but that he the said Robert might be quieted in the possession thereof as tho' said intended Deed had been duly executed and delivered according to Law. Which matter being heard and duly considered after the said Agent had been duly notified, And the prayer of the Petition appearing to be reasonable.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by Authority of the same, That the Title and property in and to the land above mentioned, be, and the same hereby are vested in the said Robert McGregore his Heirs Executors Adminiistrators & Assigns, as tho' the same had been conveyed to him in Fee Simple as aforesaid To hold to him and them for Ever.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE TITLE AND PROPERTY OF CERTAIN LAND IN ACKWORTH, IN SAMUEL THOMPSON

[Passed June 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 88; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 297.]

Whereas Samuel Thompson of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham Innholder hath petitioned the General Assembly, setting forth "that his late Son Samuel Thompson died in the States Service & that he had in his lifetime, Viz^t in the Year 1774, purchased of One John Rogers (Attorney and Agent to Col^o James Rogers) thereto lawfully impowered, two hundred acre Lots in Ackworth in said State, being Numbered Five and Six in the first range, and that he the said Samuel the Son had paid therefor the Consideration of Eighteen pounds lawful money. That the said John, as Attorney as aforesaid had promised the said Samuel the Son a good Deed of Bargain and Sale of the said land, and he Entered thereon, made considerable improvement, & paid taxes, but that the said James Rogers, was gone off to the Enemy and the said John Rogers died without giving said Deed—And the said petitioner prayed, that the said Lots of land might be reserved from confiscation And that the petitioner be quieted in the possession thereof, as tho' the said promised and intended Deed had

been duly executed and delivered as the Law directs. Which petition being heard and considered and the prayer appearing reasonable, therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by Authority of the same, that the said Samuel Thomson the Petitioner do from henceforth hold the same Lands as a good Estate in Fee Simple to him, his heirs and Assigns for Ever.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ASCERTAIN THE TIME FOR THE OLD CONTINENTAL BILLS NOW CURRENT IN THIS STATE TO BE RECEIVED INTO THE TREASURY FOR TAXES.

[Passed June 30, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 89; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 304.]

Whereas it is found Necessary that this States Quota of the old Continentall bills of Credit Should be Called into the Treasury as soon as may be in order that the Same may be Destroyed. Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same, That the old Continental Currency may be received into the Treasury toward the Tax of the Current year untill the Twenty third day of July next and no Longer.

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Receiver general of the Taxes of Nonresidents be and hereby is Directed to receive the Said old Currency for such Taxes untill the Said Twenty third day of July next and no longer. And that where the Lists of Taxes are not Lodged with the Said receiver general for the Current Year, and the Said Currency being Deposited in his hands by Such nonresident before the Said twenty third day of July next, Shall Discharge Such Nonresidents Tax, when the Said receiver general Shall receive Such Lists of Taxes

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Said old Currency shall not be received into the Treasury in payment of any ballances due to this State Prior to the year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty.—But that Said old Currency may be received into the Treasury for any ballances due on Taxes for the year one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty untill the Said Twenty third day of July next and no Longer. Any Law

usage or Custom to the Contrary hereof In any wise Notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Several & Respective Constables and Collectors of Taxes within this State Shall not be Obligated to receive any of the Said old Continental Currency for Taxes after the Eighteenth day of July next, any Law of this State to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Said Constables & Collectors of Taxes Shall and may receive the Notes Called Depreciation notes Issued by this State that were payable by the thirty first day of December Last Estimating one pound of Said Notes Equal to one pound Seventeen shillings & Six pence in bills of the New Emission, And the Notes Issued by this State of Ten pounds & five pounds Called bounty notes Estimating one pound of Said notes equal to one pound of Said New Emission, for the Taxes for the Current year, Provided the Said notes be brought into the Treasury by the first day of October next Ensuing any Law, Custom or usage to the Contrary Notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST TO ERECT A NEW PARISH IN THE NORTH WEST PART OF SAID TOWN FOR TRANSACTING MINISTERIAL AFFAIRS ONLY

[Passed June 30, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 90; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 299. See act of Jan. 24, 1789 and act of Jan. 25, 1791.]

Whereas sundry Inhabitants of Amherst in the County of Hillsborough, have petitioned the General Assembly, setting forth (amongst other things) "that in humble expectation of being set off from the Society & Meetinghouse, whereof the Rev^d Mr Jeremiah Barnard is now Minister, in said Town, they had at their own proper Charge, built a commodious Meeting house in the North West part of said Town, and had hired preaching for some time past, and praying, that they might be severed from the said Mr Barnard's Church in future, by an especial Act, and be exempted from paying any rates towards the repairs of the said Mr Barnard's Meeting House, or the support of him, or any future Minister of the same, Upon which Petition the Agents of the said

Town having been heard, and the prayer appearing reasonable, Therefore

Be it enacted, And it is hereby Enacted by the Council, and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, and by the authority of the same, that the Petitioners above referred to Viz^t Nathanael Heywood Oliver Carlton, Amos Stickney, John Cole, John Mills Joseph Farnum, Daniel Wilkins, Joseph Langdell Josiah Dodge, William Lauson, Abijah Wilkins James Smith, Jacob Smith, John Averil, Joseph Lovejoy Nathan Jones Jun^r Joshua Wilkins, Eli Wilkins Joseph Tuck, Timothy Smith Junior, Nathan Flint Nathan Flint Jun^r Daniel Simonds, Peter Woodbury, William Bradford Jun^r Daniel Smith Isaac Smith, Lemuel Winchester, Andrew Leavitt, Knight Nichols, James Woodbury, Samuel Stearns, John Harwood Enos Upton Ezekiel Upton, Hannah Peabody, William Wilkins, James Hopkins, Thomas Carlton, Joseph Perkins, Joseph Dunckle, John Dunckle, Alien Goodridge, Richard Gould, Thomas Towns Junior Nathan Cole, Richard Ward, Jeremiah Burnam Daniel Gould, Robert Parker, Joseph Steel & Timothy Smith, shall be, and they are hereby seperated, exonerated and discharged, from paying any taxes, & Charges towards the support of the Gospel Ministry and public Worship of said Town of Amherst, from and after the day of the date hereof (Excepting in the parish hereby erected together with all the Polls belonging to their respective families, and all the Estates, which they do now or shall hereafter own, being in said Town, And that the said persons polls, and Estates, shall be, and they are hereby erected, and incorporated, into a new Parish, & invested with the usual priviledges, and authorities of a Parish seperate, and distinct from the other parts of said Town

And the parishioners of the said new parish are hereby enabled, and authorized to raise money as there shall be occasion on the Polls, and Estates, thereto belonging for the maintenance of the minister of the Gospel, and repairs of their Meetinghouse when necessary, and the support of the public worship amongst themselves, and to assess all necessary taxes on the said polls and Estates, for that end, and to levy & collect the same in the same manner that Town taxes and rates are by law to be levied, and collected, and for that purpose to chuse any number of suitable persons belonging to the said parish sometime in the month of March annually, for Assessors, & a Collector, or Collectors thereof, who shall have the same power to levy and collect such taxes, and in default of the due discharge of said Office, be subject to the same pains and Penalties as the Constables of Towns within this State are liable to by Law; And also to chuse any other persons to such Offices and Trusts as the said Parishioners shall judge proper, and they are hereby authorized to act accordingly

And be it further enacted that any minor Children of the said Parishioners, and also any persons who may hereafter come and

settle in the said Town, and inhabit the same, and their minor Children, who shall in time to come, be desirous of belonging to the said new Parish, shall within six months next after such new Settlers coming into said Town, and after such minors attaining the age of Twenty one Years, give in their names and signify such desire and design in Writing to the Clerk of said Town for the time being which being done, such future Settlers and minors shall be intitled to every priviledge in this Act together with the said Petitioners otherwise to be precluded therefrom :

And the Parishioners of the said new Parish are hereby authorized to meet and chuse all such Officers as aforesaid for the Service of the said Parish for the current year, and until their next meeting to be held in March next, at any time in the month of July next, and Nathanael Heywood is hereby authorized to call the same.

Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act shall be construed to exempt any of the said Petitioners their Polls or Estates from paying their just proportion of all ministerial Charges already arisen in said Town of Amherst, nor from the future support of the Rev^d M^r Daniel Wilkins the late Minister of said Town, and now living according to Contract.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE JUDGES OF THE PROBATE OF WILLS &C. WITHIN THIS STATE TO ALLOW A FURTHER TIME FOR RECEIVING & EXAMINING THE CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATES OF ABSENTEES—

[Passed July 3, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 91; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 313. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 256. See act of March 18, 1780.]

Whereas the Term of Six Months allowed by a former Act for receiving & examining the Claims aforesaid is found to be too short—and it appearing necessary that a longer time be given for that purpose—

Be it therefore Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same, that the several Judges of the Probate of Wills within this State be, and they hereby are authorized and empowered, to allow a further Term of Six Months in Addition to the Term of Six Months aforesaid for the Purpose of receiving & examining the Claims aforesaid—any former Law to the Contrary hereof in any Wise Notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE & IMPOWER THE PROPRIETORS OF ANY COMMON & UNDIVIDED LANDS TO CALL MEETINGS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE PROPRIETORS, AND TO LEVY & COLLECT SUCH SUM OR SUMS OF MONEY ON THEIR SAID LANDS AS THEY MAY JUDGE NECESSARY ; AND ALSO TO TRANSACT ALL THEIR OTHER COMMON AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS.

[Passed July 3, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 92; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 323. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 259; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 93. See additional act of Nov. 10, 1784, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 373. Repealed Dec. 22, 1808. Robinson, "History of Taxation in New Hampshire," pp. 168, 185.]

Whereas it is Necessary that the Proprietors of Townships and owners of other Lands lying in Common & undivided, Should have Power to Call Proprietary Meetings ; and to Levy & Collect Such Sums of money from time to time as they may Judge Necessary to Carry on their publick business : and to Transact all their other Common and Public Affairs.—Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same It is hereby Enacted That where no Particular method hath been Settled and agreed upon by any body of Proprietors for calling their Proprietary meetings (which they are hereby Authorized & Impowered to do at any of their Legal Meetings), Any Justice of the Peace is hereby Authorized upon Application of So many of Said Proprietors as own one Sixteenth part of the rights Shares & Interests of the whole,—being made to him in writing, Expressing their Desire that he would Notify and call a meeting of Such Proprietors, and the End & Design of it ; He Shall Issue a Warrant or Notification to the Proprietors who are to meet, Setting forth that Such Application has been made, the Time and place of holding Such meeting, and the business to be Transacted at the Meeting, and Shall deliver the Same to one of the Proprietors who made Such Application, who Shall Cause the Same to be Printed in the New Hampshire Gazette three weeks Successively, and Shall Cause the Same to be Posted up in Some public place within Such Town, Parish or place where the Estate lyes (if within any Settled Town) the Same time before the day of holding Such meeting, And Said Proprietors may at Such or any other Legal Meeting Chuse any officers they Shall Judge Necessary to do any business of the Proprietors, who Shall be Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of the Duty & Office to which they Shall

be respectively Chosen and Shall Continue therein and be hereby Authorized to Discharge the Same untill others Shall be Chosen to Succeed them respectively.—

And be it further Enacted That the Interest & Estate of every Such Proprietor So lying in Common Shall be liable to pay, & Stand Charged with his part & proportion of any Sum of money which at any Legal meeting Shall be agreed upon & Voted to be raised: And those who Shall be Chosen to Assess and proportion the Same amongst the Proprietors (commonly called Assessors) Shall Set Such proportion to the Original right or Proprietor, & Committ the list thereof with a Warrant or Precept to the Person Chosen to Collect the Same; therein Setting forth his Duty Agreeable to this Act, the time for Compleating the Collection, & to whom the money is to be paid. And Such Collector is hereby Directed Upon receiving the Same to give Notice in manner & form aforesaid, of the Assessment, and where the Same Shall be paid & received; as also That if payment Shall not be made Accordingly, the money will be levied by Sale of So much of the Interest and Property of the Proprietor or owner who Shall be Delinquent therein fourteen days after the Last week of Notice as aforesaid: After which the Said Collector shall Advertize So much of the Delinquent Proprietor's or owner's land for Sale as will pay Said Taxes and the reasonable Incidental Charges giving three weeks Notice of Such Sale at Least, by Publishing the Same in the Newspaper as aforesaid and also by Posting the Same for the Term aforesaid in Some Public place in the Town or place where Said Lands lye, if the Same be Settled, and in Case the Said Delinquent Proprietor or owner Shall Neglect to pay the aforesaid Taxes with the Incidental Charges (excepting the Cost of the first Advertizement of such Assessment, which Shall be Defreied by the Proprietors) to the Said Collector before the Sale Then the Said Collector Shall on the day Appointed Proceed to make Sale at Public Auction of So much of Said Delinquents Land as will pay Said Taxes and the reasonable Incidental Charges as aforesaid, Provided the Said Sale be made between the Hours of Ten of the Clock in the forenoon and Six of the Clock in the afternoon, And the Said Collector is hereby Authorized to Execute a good & Valid Conveyance thereof to the Purchaser Provided Nevertheless and be it further Enacted That Each Proprietor or owner as aforesaid his heirs or Assigns Shall have the Liberty of redeeming any of his Lands Sold as aforesaid at any time within the Term of Two months after the Sale thereof as aforesaid, he or they paying to the Purchaser a Sum amounting to the real Value of what the land Sold for, the Interest therefor to the time of payment and all reasonable Charges— And that all Persons, Actually Engaged in the Warr in the Service of the United States of America or in Captivity being out of this State or on public business out of this State their Heirs Executors

Administrators or Assigns Shall have the like Liberty of redeeming any of their Lands Sold as aforesaid at any time within the Term of Six months after the Said Impediment Shall be removed, they paying the Sum Interest and Charges as aforesaid—And all Votes at the Said Proprietors Meetings Shall be Computed According to the Interest of the Voters.—And any body of Proprietors at any Legal Meetings as aforesaid are hereby Authorized to Confirm ratify & Establish any Grants, Conveyances, Votes & Transactions by them Designed and Intended to be made, done, performed, or Transacted, Agreeable to Such Design Intention and Aim Notwithstanding any want of Legal form or proper Terms or any Defect of Process relative to the Same—

And Whereas it may So happen that New Townships & Tracts of Land may be Divided and Severed among the Proprietors thereof and it may be Necessary that Such Proprietors levy Taxes upon Such Lands as are or may be laid out & Divided into Lotts in order to fulfill the Terms and Conditions of the Grants or Charters by which Said Lands are holden—Therefore—

Be it further Enacted that when it Shall So happen that there is not Common Land Sufficient to Satisfy the Taxes so Assessed, the Lott or Lotts so Divided and Severed, that are or may be Drawn or held to any right or Share Shall be liable to be assessed & Sold for the Taxes of Said right in the Same manner and under the Same regulations as in and by this Act is provided and Directed to be done in Selling and Disposing of a Common right or any part thereof and to Prevent the Injury which may otherwise Accrue to Purchasers—the Assessors aforesaid Shall proportion the Tax laid upon Each right to the Several Lotts thereto belonging According to the Proportion of Such Lotts to the Original right and no more and the Same may be Sold by the rules and Directions aforesaid—

And Whereas the Proprietors of many Towns and places in this State, in order to carry on & perform their Settlements according to the Conditions & Limitations of their respective Grants, have been under a Necessity of Holding Proprietary Meetings and Transacting many matters in their Judgment Necessary to be done for the good of the affairs of the Said respective Proprieties, Since the Acts and Laws of this State Authorizing & Impowering Proprietary meetings and ratifying & Confirming their proceedings as Such, Have Expired, (being made Temporary)—Therefore—

Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Proprietary Meetings holden Since the Expiration of the Laws of this State, Authorising & Impowering Proprietary meetings and Appointment of Necessary officers and all other Proprietary matters and Transactions whatsoever had or done in any of the Said proprietary meetings, Shall be Deemed and held good and valid in Law as fully & amply to all Intents & purposes as the Same

might or Could have been, had the Said Expired Acts and Laws of this State been in full force until this time.

Provided Nevertheless that Nothing in this Act Contained Shall Extend or be Construed to Extend to Charge any Proprietor who has fully Complied with the Terms, Conditions & Duties required or stipulated in the Grant or Charter under which he holds his Interest therein, towards Satisfying & Discharging Such Terms, Conditions & Duties, required of any other Proprietor who hath not fully Complied with Such Terms, Conditions and Duties as aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY AND PAYMENT OF THE BALLANCES THAT MAY APPEAR DUE TO THIS STATES QUOTA OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY PURSUANT TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TWENTY SIXTH OF MARCH AND THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY NINE AGREEABLE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS.

[Passed July 3, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 93; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 307. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 253. Repealed March 23, 1782. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 281.]

Whereas it is necessary the Treasurer of this State should be authorized to give Security for the payment of the several Ballances which may be found due to the Officers and soldiers belonging to this States Quota of the Continental Army on the first Day of January last

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the Same, That the Treasurer of this State be and he hereby is directed and authorized on the Credit of this State to issue his Notes for the payment of the Ballances which shall appear to have been due to each Officer and Soldier of this States Quota of the Continental Army on the first Day of January last, (on receiving a warrant from the President of the Council, or Chairman of the Committee of Safety of this State) in form following viz^t

State of }
New Hampshire. } (N^o) the first Day of January AD 1781

In behalf of the State of New Hampshire I the Subscriber do hereby promise and oblige myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer of this State to pay unto or his Order the sum of on or before the first Day of July 1782 with compound Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum until paid both Principal and Interest to be paid in the then current money of this State in a greater or less Sum to be computed as the then current prices of Indian Corn Grass fed Beef and Sole Leather shall bear to Indian Corn at four Shillings p^r bushel Grass fed beef at three Pence per pound and Sole Leather at one Shilling and Six pence per pound

} Committee

Witness my hand

Treasurer

Which form shall be printed on good paper to be procured by the Treasurer, with a suitable border round the same and having been formed into books shall be cut out indentwise therefrom

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That M^r Ephraim Robinson & M^r Joseph Pearson be a Committee to sign blank notes in the form prescribed at the left hand and to number them before they are filled up by the Treasurer—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Treasurer issue and deliver to each of the said Officers and Soldiers in favour of whom a Warrant shall be drawn by the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of safety for their respective ballances A Note in the form aforesaid for the balance due to them respectively payable by the said first Day of July which will be in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty two—

And the President of the Council, or Chairman of the Committee of safety is hereby impowered and requested, (as soon as the accounts of what hath been or may be paid to the said Officers and Soldiers by Congress or otherwise for wages for the Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty and the Accounts from the several Towns against the Soldiers for Supplies to their families & other things are obtained, upon its being certified by the Committee appointed to adjust the accounts of the said Officers and Soldiers what is the balance due to each of them respectively) to issue his Warrants in favour of the said Officers and Soldiers accordingly. Provided it shall appear by a Return made by a general Officer or the Commanding Officer of a Regiment that such Field Staff or Comissioned Officer belongs to this States

Quota of the Continental Army and that such Non commissioned officer and private Soldier hath enlisted, and been mustered as one of this States Quota of the Continental Army, for the term of three years or during the war; such Return specifying to what company and Regiment or Corps they belong

And the President of the Council and Chairman of the Committee of safety are also hereby impowered and directed to proceed in the same manner and form mutatis mutandis with respect to the Executors Administrators or heirs at Law of such Officers and Soldiers who were engaged for three years or during the War as part of this States Quota of said Army and Who have died or been slain in the Service upon Similar Certificates being produced—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the Extra Wages of the Regimental Staff officers who belong to this States Quota of the said Army for the three Years antecedent to the Year one thousand seven hundred and Eighty be made up and paid as their other wages for the said Years were, and that their said Extra Wages for the said Year one thousand seven hundred and eighty be paid as the payment of their other wages for said year is provided for in & by this Act

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid That the Committee of safety for the Time then being, or the major part of them be and hereby are impowered and directed to compute and determine what are the Current prices of the said Articles Indian Corn Grass fed Beef and Sole leather at the time of payment of the aforesaid Notes and also what is the value of every pound of said Notes in the then current money of this State and shall certify the same to the Treasurer and the Treasurer is thereupon directed to pay the value of said Notes and the Interest thereon remaining unpaid as they become due accordingly—

And to the Intent that the current prices of the said Articles at the time of Payment herein mentioned may be more easily ascertained

Be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid That John Calfe Esq^r—for the County of Rockingham John Burnum Hanson Esq^r for the County of Strafford Jacob Abbot Esq^r—for the County of Hillsborough Thomas Sparhawk Esq^r for the County of Cheshire and Charles Johnston Esq^r for the County of Grafton be and hereby are severally appointed to collect, and keep a true account according to the best of their Judgment of the prices of each of said Articles in their respective Counties monthly upon average of the whole month for every succeeding month until the said first day of July one thousand Seven hundred and eighty two from the first day of January the present Year, and to make a true report of the same upon Oath into the Secretarys Office upon the said first Day of July—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING SIX HUNDRED AND FIFTY MEN BESIDES OFFICERS FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA—

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 94; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 335.]

Whereas it is recommended by his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the Army of the United States, that this State should raise Six hundred and fifty men besides Officers, of the Militia of this State to be held in readiness to March in a Week after they shall be called for by the Commander in Chief, for the Defence of the United States; which Recommendation appears to be just and reasonable—Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives and by the Authority of the Same it is hereby Enacted that there be forthwith Raised within the Militia of this State Including the Alarm List, Six hundred and fifty good & Effective men besides officers, and that the Same be formed into one Regiment, to be Officer'd with one Lieutenant Colonel Commandant and Two Majors, and that the Said Regiment Consist of Eight Companies, Each Company to be Officer'd with one Captain and Two Lieutenants: And that the Major General give orders to the Brigadiers, who shall give orders to Each & Every of the Colonels or Commanders of Regiments in this State to raise their respective Quotas thereof as follows viz^t Col^l Wentworth's Regiment Including the Independant Companies, Sixty men, Col^l Evans's Regiment Seventy four men, Col^l Moulton's Regiment thirty five men, Col^l Gilmans Regiment forty eight men, Col^l John Webster's regiment thirty men, Col^l John Bell's regiment Twenty eight men, Col^l Gale's Regiment Forty eight men, Colonel Lovewell's regiment Sixty three men, Col^l Kelleys regiment fifty five men, Col^l Smiths' regiment Twenty nine men, Col^l Richardson's regiment Twenty one men Col^l Stickney's regiment Seventy men, Col^l McClary's Regiment thirty one men, Col^l Hale's regiment Fifty four men and Col^l Ellis's regiment four men—And the Colonels or Commanders of the Several Regiments aforesaid shall forthwith give orders to the Captains or Commanders of the Several Companies in their respective Regiments Accordingly to raise their respective Quotas of Said men—And the Said Captains or Commanders of Companies shall forthwith raise their respective Quotas of Said men by Enlistment or Draft, having regard to the

Alarm List as well as to the train band,—And Each man So Enlisted or Drafted Shall furnish himself with a good firelock, Bayonet (if to be had). Cartouch box, knapsack and Blanket, and Shall Serve for the Term of three months after their Arrival at the place of Rendezvous to be Appointed by the Commander in Chief, unless Sooner Discharged. And the Said Officers & Soldiers Shall receive the Same Pay, rations and Depreciation as in the Continental Army and Each Soldier Shall receive Travel money Six pence in the New Emission per mile from his home to the place where he Shall draw Continental rations

And every person Drafted as aforesaid that shall not Immediately proceed in Said Service According to Such orders as he Shall receive from his Superior Officer, Shall forfeit and pay as a fine for the use of this State the Sum of thirty pounds New Emission ; which Shall be paid by him to the Captain or Commander of Such Company within Twenty four hours after his being Drafted, otherwise he Shall be Considered as a Soldier engaged in the Said Service, and Shall be Apprehended and Sent to the Army, and be Liable to the same penalties as any other Deserter from the Continental Army ; And the Said fine Shall be Immediately applied Towards hiring men for the Said Service, if Such can be had, otherwise Such Captain or Commander Shall pay the Same into the Treasury of this State, and Shall make return to his Colonel or Commanding Officer, what fines he hath received and how the Same have been Disposed of.—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* } |

AN ACT FOR LAYING OUT & REPAIRING CERTAIN ROADS IN A PLACE CALLED THE GORE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF STRAFORD.

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 95; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 331. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 258. See act of June 23, 1780.]

Whereas Jonathan Moulton in behalf of the Inhabitants of Wolfborough, Moultonborough and other Places Adjacent, hath Petitioned the General Assembly of this State, Shewing that in & by an Act of this State made and Passed the Twenty third day of June Anno Domini one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty, it was Enacted That the Committee or Selectmen of Said Gore, Appointed for the time being to make the State & Continental Taxes within the Same, Should be and thereby were Appointed and Authorized a Committee to lay out a Road from New Durham

by Merrymeeting Bay to Wolfeborough; and also another road from Merrymeeting Bay to Gilmantown, within and through a Tract of Land Called the Gore, and to Cause Said road when laid out, to be repaired at the Cost of the owners of the Land through which they pass, and to be made passable with Horses, Teams, & Carriages, at the proper Cost & Charge of the Inhabitants & owners of Said Tract of Land Called the Gore, through which Said roads are to run, and that the Said Cost Should be levied Assessed & Collected on the Said owners & Inhabitants in the Same manner and proportion as the State Tax.—And the Said Committee were thereby required to make a return of Said road into the Clerks office of the Court of General Sessions of the peace of the County of Strafford, within three months, and in Case the Said roads, when laid out Should not be Suitably repaired and kept in repair from time to time the Said Inhabitants and owners of the Said Land in the Gore Should be Liable to the Same pains & Penalties and manner of Prosecution as any Town in this State are liable to for not repairing Highways; and that the Said Committee Notwithstanding their Appointment & Direction by Said Act have ever since the passing the Same, refused & Neglected to Lay out and make Said Roads.—Whereby the Towns above are laid under the Greatest Inconveniencies and Difficulties having no road to pass through Said Gore with Carriages or Even horses without the Greatest risk & Danger, and as no return has been made of any road there and the Petitioner greatly Incommoded in not having Said road, And for want of a return have no Grounds in & by Said Act, of Prosecution against the Said Inhabitants and owners—The Petitioner therefore praying this Court to appoint three or more Suitable persons as a Committee that will Lay out and make return of the Same in order that the Said Inhabitants & owners may afterwards be Liable to keep the Same in repair and make fit for Transport as in & by Said Act is provided—The prayer of which Petition appearing to be reasonable and the granting of the Same to be for the public benefit.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same it is hereby Enacted That Matthew Stanley Parker Esq^r Col^l Bradbury Richardson and Daniel Beede Esq^r or either two of them—

Be and hereby are Authorized and Appointed a Committee to Lay out and make Passable the Said roads for horses Teams and Carriages, and that in Case the Said Committee before Appointed do not within Two month next Ensuing Lay out & make return of the Said roads as in & by the aforesaid Act is Provided—That then the Said Committee by this Act Appointed, do Proceed to Lay out and return Said roads as in the Act aforesaid is provided. and render a Just & true Account of the Charges & Expences thereof to the Said Selectmen or Committee of the Said Gore, who

are hereby made liable to pay & Discharge the Same, and in Case of their Neglect or refusal to pay the Same that the Said Committee Shall Sue for and recover the Same before any Court of Record in the Said County of Strafford proper to try the Same—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid—That the Said Selectmen or Committee aforesaid Shall be and hereby are Authorized and Impowered to Levy, assess & Collect of & from the Said Proprietors and Inhabitants of the Said Gore all Such Sum & Sums of money to Defray the Said Costs & Charges in the Same way & manner as they Assess, levy & Collect the State tax, any Law Usage or Custom to the Contrary Notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REVIVE AND BRING FORWARD THE BUSINESS
INTENDED TO HAVE BEEN TRANSACTED AT THE COURT OF
GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE AT CHARLES TOWN IN
APRIL LAST

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 96; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 319. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 264.]

Whereas a Court of General Sessions of the peace ought by law to have been holden at Charlestown in the County of Cheshire on the Thursday next after the second Tuesday of April last, but the Justices of the same Court were by sundry persons who call themselves Subjects of the State of Vermont, impeded, and prevented from opening and holding the same Court, and the same was not held; And there were matters of great Moment then pending and cognizable before the same Court which must now fail unless revived,

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council, and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened that all such matters as by law were to have been bro^t forward and tried in the said Court at the time above mentioned, shall be sustained and tried at the next Court of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Keen, within and for the County aforesaid, on the Thursday next after the second Tuesday of July next, as fully and effectually to every Intent and purpose as tho' the same had been sustained and tried at the Court first mentioned.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL ALL THOSE CLAUSES IN THE SEVERAL ACTS,
VOTES & RESOLVES AT ANY TIME HERETOFORE PASSED,
VOTED OR RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THIS STATE
MAKING THE BILLS OF CREDIT OF THIS STATE, OR OF THE
UNITED STATES A TENDER IN ALL PAYMENTS—

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 97; recorded Acts, vol. 4,
p. 314. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 257.]

Whereas the said clauses have been found insufficient to answer
the important purposes thereby intended.

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & house of Representa-
tives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the
same that all the clauses in the several Acts, Votes & Resolves
heretofore enacted Voted or resolved by the Legislature of this
State making the paper Bills of Credit of this State & of the
united States a tender in payment & discharge of any Debt, or
Debts whatsoever be & hereby are repealed annulled & made void.

And be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that all
Contracts made, and securities given, since the Nineteenth day of
April Anno Domini one Thousand Seven hundred & seventy five,
or that shall hereafter be made or given for Silver or Gold, shall
be paid in like Money, and that in the several Courts within this
State, Judgment shall be rendred for the same, and Execution
issued accordingly.—

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR CLEARING AND MAKING PASSABLE A CERTAIN
ROAD IN PLYMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 98; recorded Acts, vol. 4,
p. 316. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 263.]

Whereas a petition hath been preferred to the General Court
Setting forth that the Inhabitants of Cockermouth & many
Towns above that labour under great Inconveniences for want of
a good Carriage way through that part of Plymouth that lies
between the Towns of Cockermouth & Alexandria viz from Doct^r

Bartletts farm in Cockermouth to M^r John M^cMurphy's in Alexandria, And prayed that s^d plymouth might be compelled to Clear, Bridge and make passable said road. Which petition upon Examination appearing reasonable & just. Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives That the Proprietors of the Town of Plymouth, and the Inhabitants of said Town of Plymouth equally shall lay out Clear Bridge and make passable a good Waggon Road from Cockermouth line near Said Bartletts Farm to the line of Alexandria near M^r John M^cMurphy's.

And be it further Enacted that if the Proprietors & Inhabitants aforesaid shall Neglect to make good the Road as Aforesaid for the Space of four Month's—That then Cap^t Ebenezer Melvin M^r Jonathan Bates, & M^r Nicholas Gilman all of Cockermouth be & they hereby are Appointed a Committee with full power and Authority to Lay out Clear Bridge & make passable the Road Aforesaid in Manner Aforesaid. And they are required to keep a fair and Equitable Account of their whole Disbursement in said Business and lay the same before the General Court or Committee of Safety of this State for Adjustment—And After Said Accounts are Adjusted as Aforesaid. The Committee for laying out the Road may proceed to sell at public Auction (having previously Notified the Same for Six Weeks in some one or more of the Most public place or places in said Town of Plymouth) So much of the Common & Undivided lands of said proprietors of Plymouth as shall be Sufficient to defray one half of the Account aforesaid with incidental Charges. And Shall have a good right & full power to Sue and Maintain an Action of Debt in the Common law against the Inhabitants of said plymouth for the other half of said Account And be it further Enacted That provided said Committee shall have Occasion to Sue the Inhabitants aforesaid and the Courts of Common Law shall not be open in the County of Grafton that then said Committee may bring their Action in Either of the Counties within this State at their Election, and the Officers of such County where the Action may be bro't are hereby as fully Empowered in all Respects to carry any Judgment in consequence of such Action into Execution as tho' they were Officers of the County of Grafton, Any law usage or Custom to the contrary Notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A NAVAL-OFFICE IN PORTSMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM, & FOR REGULATING THE TRADE AND NAVIGATION OF THIS STATE—

[Passed July 4, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 99; recorded Acts vol. 4, p. 321. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 256; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 129. The act referred to is dated Nov. 26, 1778. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the Act of this State now in force is insufficient to prevent the abuse which the Enemies of the United States may make of Papers or Clearances they may take in American Prizes—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the authority of the same, that the Naval-Officer in this State be, and he hereby is ordered to require the Master and Chief Mate of all Merchant Vessels unarmed as well as Armed, which shall be dispatched from the Port of Piscataqua, or any other Port within this State, to under sign their Clearances in the presence of him the said Naval Officer—

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said Naval Officer be and he hereby is directed, to insert on the back of the Clearance of all Merchant Vessels unarmed as well as Armed, a minute description of the Persons of the Master and his Mate, with their Age, Stature & Complexion, respectively, & that he certify the same under his Signature and Seal of Office—

[*Fourth Sesssion, (Special), Held at Exeter, August 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 ; September, 1, 1781.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING A TAX OF ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS IN BILLS OF NEW EMISSION OF THIS STATE FOR THE USE OF THIS STATE AND ALSO A TAX OF FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN SPECIE, FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE INTEREST OF THE SAID ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

[Passed Aug. 31, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 100; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 339. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 268.]

Whereas it is Necessary for the Carrying on the present War, and for Defraying the Charges of this State for the Current year, that the Sum of one hundred thousand dollars in bills of the New Emission of this State, Should be raised and Levied for the use of this State, and also five thousand Dollars in Specie for the payment of the Interest of the Said one hundred Thousand Dollars,

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the Same it is hereby Enacted, That there be and hereby is Granted for the Current Year, the Sum of one hundred thousand Dollars in bills of the New Emission of this State for the use of this State, and also a Tax of Five thousand Dollars in Specie for the payment of the Interest of the Said one hundred thousand Dollars, which Several Sums shall be Assessed and Levied on the Polls and rateable Estates within this State—Agreeable to the Last proportion of Taxes for the Several Towns and places in this State, to be Collected and paid into the Treasury of this State on or before the last day of December next ; And the Receiver General is hereby Directed and required forthwith to Issue his warrants for Collecting and paying into the Treasury the Said Sums at or before the Said last day of December next.

And the Selectmen of the Several Towns and places within this State are hereby required forthwith to Assess the rateable Polls and Estates within their respective Towns & places their proportion of the Said Several Sums, and Cause the Same to be paid into the Treasury on or before the Said Last day of December next—

And be it further Enacted that the Several Collectors of the Said Taxes be and hereby are Directed to Allow one Years Interest to Each person paying in the Said New Emission Tax which

Shall answer for his Said Specie Tax to be Assessed by Vertue of this Act—And the Same Interest shall be allow'd on Said bills paid for this tax at any time after the passing this Act, and before the Said last day of December next, And the like Interest Shall be allow'd at the Treasury to the Said Several Towns and places.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR SUPPLYING THE CONTINENTAL ARMY WITH TEN THOUSAND GALLONS OF WEST INDIA RUM.

[Passed Aug. 31, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 101; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 342.]

Whereas this State is required by Congress to furnish the Continental Army with ten thousand Gallons of West india Rum, and it is necessary the same should be procured and forwarded to the said Army as soon as may be—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of representatives in general Assembly convened and by the authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That the said Quantity of Rum be forthwith procured by the several Towns Parishes and Places within this State in the Proportion following

COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

	Gallons		Gallons
Allenstown	16	Hawke	53 ½
Atkinson	59	Kensington	103 ½
Bow	34	Kingston	103
Brintwood	122 ½	East Kingston	54
Candia	86 ½	Londonderry	239
Chichester	58	Loudon	64
Concord	117 ½	Northfield	27
Chester	197	Northwood	42
Canterbury	71	North Hampton	80
Deerfield	140 ½	Newington	60 ½
Epping	182 ½	Newton	51
Epsom	45	Nottingham	102
Exeter	174	New market	108 ½
Greenland	78 ½	Portsmouth	290 ½
Hampstead	74 ½	Plastow	53
Hampton	116	Pelham	81 ½
Hampton falls	75 ½	Poplin	61

Pembroke	83 ½	Stratham	120
Rye	81 ½	Seabrook	54 ½
Raymond	75	South Hampton	71
Sandown	63	Windham	62 ½
Salem	102 ½	New Castle	20

COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

Barnstead	34 ½	Madbury	62
Barrington	133	Middletown	30
Campton	25 ½	Meredith	47
Conway	35 ½	Moultonborough	41
Dover	184 ½	New Durham	29 ½
Durham	127 ½	Rochester	171 ½
Gilmantown	119	Sanborntown	72 ½
New Durham Gore	34 ½	Sandwich	47 ½
Ossipee Gore	13 ½	Somersworth	91
New Holderness	24 ½	Tamworth	19
New Hampton	24	Tuftonborough	11
Effingham	11	Wolfborough	34 ½
Lee	98 ½	Wakefield	49 ½

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

Amherst	175 ½	Hancock	10 ½
Antrim	20	Litchfield	32 ½
Andover	27	Lindborough	78 ½
Bedford	64	New Ipswich	122 ½
Boscawen	67 ½	New London	10 ½
New Bradford	6 ½	Mason	63 ½
New Boston	70	Merry mack	62
Derryfield	27 ½	Nottingham West	80 ½
Dearing	33 ½	Perrystown	16
Dusbury & Mile slip	10 ½	Peterborough	70 ½
Dunbarton	56	Peterborough slip	14
Dunstable	62 ½	Raby	17
Francistown	32 ½	Salisbury	82 ½
Fishersfield	19 ½	Society Land	8
Goffstown	72 ½	Temple	54
Henniker	46 ½	Weare	109 ½
Hillsborough	42 ½	Warner	30 ½
Hollis	148 ½	Wilton	83
Hopkinton	124 ½		

COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Alstead	54	Marlborough	44
Ackworth	30 ½	New Port	29
Charlestown	88 ½	Plainfield	63
Cornish	63	Packersfield	38
Claremont	77	Protectworth	9 ½
Croydon	28	Rindge	98
Chesterfield	85 ½	Richmond	90
Dublin	46 ½	Swansey	80 ½
Fitz William	49	Surry	30
Gilsom	25	Wendall	13 ½
Grantham	11 ½	Stoddard	42
Hinsdale	33 ½	Unity	28 ½
Jaffrey	65 ½	Walpole	100
Keen	101	Westmorland	95
Lemster	28 ½	Winchester	86
Marlow	28 ½	Washington	34 ½

COUNTY OF GRAFTON

Alexandria	17 ½	Morristown	12 ½
Apthorp	7 ½	New Chester	22 ½
Bath	25	Northumberland	9
Canaan	16 ½	Orford	44
Cockermouth	17	Plymouth	50 ½
Cockburn	6 ½	Piermont	31 ½
Cardigan	16	Relham alias Enfield	22
Colburn	6 ½	Rumney	27 ½
Dorchester	9	Strafford	8 ½
Grafton	16	Shelburne	9 ½
Gunthwait	22	Thornton	21 ½
Haverhill	49	Warren	9 ½
Hannover	79	Wentworth	9
Lancaster	8	Dartmouth	6 ½
Lebanon	63	Tract of Land East	} 8
Lime	47 ½	of Haverhill &	
Lyman	16	North of Warren	
Landaff	9 ½		

And the Selectmen of the several Towns, Parishes and places aforesaid are hereby required forthwith to procure their respective proportion thereof and to Deliver the same to Joshua Wentworth Esq^r or his Order at Portsmouth in this State or Haverhill or Boston in the Massachusetts at such Stores in said Towns as he shall order on or before the last Day of September next—

And the said Select men are hereby authorized to raise by Assessment in the Usual way of raising their State tax such sums of

Silver money as shall be necessary for the Purchasing of their said proportion & defraying the cost of transporting the same to the said Place of Delivery—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that each of the Towns parishes & places aforesaid which shall neglect to procure their said proportion of said Rum & to deliver it at the Place & by the time aforesaid shall forfeit one spanish milled dollar or other Silver or Gold equivalent for each Gallon so in arrear & undelivered—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid—That Joshua Wentworth Esq^r be and hereby is appointed & authorized to take care and see that the said Quantity of Rum be procured by the Select men of the several towns parishes & places and aforementioned in the proportion aforesaid and delivered at the Places and by the time aforesaid & to receive the money which may be forfeited as aforesaid

And in Case the Select men of said Towns Parishes or Places shall neglect to procure and deliver their said Proportion of said Rum as aforesaid, or to pay the Value thereof as above stated to the said Joshua Wentworth Esq^r at or before the said last Day of September next it shall & may be lawful for the said Joshua Wentworth Esq^r and he is hereby Authorized & required to issue his Warrant under his hand & Seal directed to the Sheriff of the County in which such Towns Parishes or Places are or his Deputy requiring him or them to levy the Value of such proportion in the money and at the rate aforesaid, by distress on the Estates real or Personal of the Selectmen of such delinquent Town parish or place together with Costs of levying—And the Sheriffs of the said Counties and their Deputies within their respective Precincts are hereby required to Execute the said Warrants & to Pay the Sums so levied to the said Joshua Wentworth accordingly and shall take customary fees for travelling levying &c—And the Selectmen upon whom such distress shall be made are hereby authorized to raise by Assessment in the Usual way of Raising the State Tax within their respective Towns Parishes or Places and to pay themselves all such sums as shall be distrained from them as aforesaid with the Damages they shall sustain by means of such distraint—And the said Joshua Wentworth is hereby required as soon as may be to lay out all the Sums of money he shall receive as aforesaid in purchasing said Rum and transporting it to the places beforementioned—

Provided nevertheless that any of the Towns Parishes or Places aforesaid on or before the said last Day of September may in lieu of their said Proportion of the said Rum pay and deliver at either of the places before mentioned Good New England Rum in the proportion of Six Quarts of the latter for one Gallon of the former

And in Case of any Action bro't against the said Joshua Wentworth for issued Warrants as above required or the Sheriffs or Deputies for Executing the same they may plead the general issue and give this Act in Evidence & upon a Verdict given in their favour they shall recover double Costs—

And Whereas several Towns hereafter named viz Tuftonborough Shelburne Cockburn Protectworth Dartmouth Morristown Coleburn New Bradford and the Tract of Land adjoining the Easterly side of Haverhill and Northerly side of Warren have so few Inhabitants as they are incapable of chusing ordinary town officers—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the said Joshua Wentworth give public Notice in the New Hampshire Gazette & in some one of the Boston Newspapers of the Quantity of West India or New England Rum to be deliver'd to him by the Owners Collectively of the Lands in said Towns & places respectively requiring the same to be delivered him by the fifteenth Day of October next—And that if the same is not paid accordingly so much of their Lands will be sold as will purchase the same with incidental Charges & if the same is not deliver'd by the time and at one of the places aforesaid the said Joshua Wentworth is hereby Authorized to sell at Public Vendue so much of the said Lands as will purchase the same with incidental Charges previously advertizing the same in said News papers three weeks successively—

And Whereas some Towns & Places tho capable of chusing town Officers have neglected it—Be it therefore Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if the Said Proportion of such Towns & Places be not delivered to the said Joshua Wentworth Esq^r or his order by the said last Day of September next the same shall be levied upon the Estates of any one of the Individuals of such Towns or places by Warrant from the said Joshua Wentworth in manner afore prescribed relative to Select men which Individuals shall have their remedy against their respective Towns in the manner as is directed in an Act passed the Sixth of April last relative to the State Taxes of such Towns & Places—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR MAKING GOLD AND SILVER A TENDER FOR ALL DEBTS AND FOR SETTLING THE DEPRECIATION OF THE PAPER CURRENCY; AND FOR THE FUTURE REGULATION OF THE COURTS OF JUSTICE IN THIS STATE—

[Passed Sept. 1, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 102; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 351. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 265; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 185. See acts of Jan. 3, 1784, Feb. 12, 1785 and June 19, 1793. Part of this act is repealed by the act of June 20, 1792. Laws, 1797 ed., p. 450]

Whereas Paper Bills have been a lawful Tender for all Debts the Value of which is by their depreciation become uncertain & it is necessary that a more permanent & fixed Medium should be established as a Tender—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That all Contracts which shall hereafter be made for lawful money shall be considered as made for Spanish milled Dollars at the rate of Six Shillings per Dollar or other Silver and Gold in proportion And all Debts due before the last Day of January 1777 shall be considered as of the same value & paid accordingly—And a tender of Gold or Silver for Such Debt at the Rate aforesaid shall be judged legal—and all Contracts for paper money from the last Day of January 1777 to the last day of June 1781 shall be computed and paid according to the following Table or Scale—which Scale is considered as calculated for the last Day of each Month and the daily Depreciation to be computed in the same proportion—

Continental Paper in 1777	Continental Paper in 1778	Continental Paper in 1779	Continental Paper in 1780	Continental Paper in 1781
Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver	Silver
£	£	£	£	£
January Equal	325 100	742 100	2934 100	7500 100
February 104 100	350 ditto	868 ditto	3322 ditto	7500 ditto
March 106 ditto	375 ditto	1000 ditto	3736 ditto	7700 ditto
April 110 ditto	400 ditto	1104 ditto	4000 ditto	7500 ditto
May 114 ditto	400 ditto	1215 ditto	4800 ditto	7500 ditto
June 120 ditto	400 ditto	1342 ditto	5700 ditto	12000 ditto
July 125 ditto	425 ditto	1477 ditto	6000 ditto	
August 150 ditto	450 ditto	1630 ditto	6300 ditto	
September 175 ditto	475 ditto	1800 ditto	6500 ditto	
October 275 ditto	500 ditto	2030 ditto	6700 ditto	
November 300 ditto	545 ditto	2308 ditto	7000 ditto	
December 310 ditto	634 ditto	2393 ditto	7300 ditto	

And to discourage the multiplying of Suits—Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Justices of the Several Courts within this State be and they hereby are impowered to continue & suspend giving Judgment upon any Suits or Actions bro't before them for the recovery of Debts due on Contracts from time to time not exceeding the Term of two Years as they shall judge reasonable upon considering the respective circumstances of each Suit unless the Creditor shall chuse to have Judgment rendered in Bills of the New Emission in which case the Judges of the Several Courts are hereby impowered to make up Judgment after the rate of one Dollar & Seven Eighthths of a Dollar in said Bills for one Spanish Milled Dollar—

And Whereas Securities are often given for other Articles besides money and in this scarcity of Gold & Silver it may be very Injurious to Debtors to be obliged immediately to raise gold & Silver to discharge the same—

Be it therefore Enacted that in such Cases it shall & may be lawful for the several Courts in making up Judgment to order the Debtors to deliver the Articles specified in their respective securities by a certain Day not exceeding the Term of three months from the time of giving Judgment & in default, that Execution shall Issue for the Value in Silver & Gold—

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the fees taken by the Courts & Officers of this State be the same as were Established by an Act of the Legislature of the late Province of New Hampshire passed the 12th Day of March 1768 Entitled an Act in amendment of the Acts for Establishing fees belonging to the several Officers in this Province—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR GRANTING AN EXCISE ON SEVERAL SORTS OF LIQUORS, FOR THE USE OF THIS STATE.

[Passed Sept. 1, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 103; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 354. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 266; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 145. See additional acts of Dec. 28, 1782 and June 27, 1787. Partially repealed by act of Jan. 28, 1791. Repealed by act of June 20, 1792.]

Whereas Provision ought to be made for the Support of Government within this State and for Answering the Incidental Charges thereof.

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the Same, That there shall be paid in future, by all Tavernors,

Innholders and retailers, within this State for all Such Wine, rum, Brandy, or other Distilled Spirits, as they shall Sell by retail, the following Excise, viz^t By Every Tavernkeeper or Innholder, Three pence per Gallon on all Such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Distilled Spirits; and by Every retailer Twopence per Gallon, on all Such Liquors by them So Sold or retailed;—All which Excise as aforesaid shall be paid Quarterly, to Such receiver or farmer of the Said Excise as shall be Appointed to receive the Same, or to his Deputy, in Lawful money of this State; (The Said Tavernkeepers and retailers being Allowed a Deduction of Twenty per Cent on all Such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Distilled Spirits, as they shall have Sold; An Account of which they shall give Quarterly to the Said Receiver, farmer or Deputy, upon oath, if required; Which oath the Said receiver, Farmer, or Deputy, is hereby Authorized to require, and to Administer, without fee or Reward.—

And be it further Enacted that if any Such Tavernkeeper, Innholder, or retailer Shall refuse to take Such oath, at the request of the Said Receiver, Farmer, or Deputy they shall forfeit the Sum of Ten pounds, and So toties quoties, to be recovered by the Said Receiver, Farmer, or Deputy—upon Complaint made, to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, within the County where Such Delinquent Dwells,—Who are hereby Impowered to give Judgment and Award Execution thereon Accordingly.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That any person or persons within this State who Shall after the first day of October next, without Licence first had from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, Sell any Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other Distilled Spirits, in Lesser Quantities than Twenty five Gallons to be Delivered at one and the Same time, Shall forfeit and pay the Sum of forty shillings for every Such Offence, one third to the Person who Shall Inform and Sue for the Same, one third to the use of the Said Receiver or Farmer, and the other third to the use of the County wherein the Same is Sold, and that two Credible Witnesses Shall be Deemed as Sufficient proof thereof—

And be it further Enacted that Every person being duely Summoned to give Evidence respecting the breach of this Act (other than Children & Servants of the party Complain'd of) who shall refuse to give Evidence upon Oath or Affirmation (when So required) of what he or she knows Concerning the Premises, shall forfeit the Sum of forty shillings to be recovered and Divided as aforesaid.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Fines herein mentioned, to be paid by the Said Tavernkeepers and Retailers, in Case of their Refusal to Swear to the Quantity of Liquors by them purchased for Sale, and Sold as aforesaid, be and hereby is Intended to be in full Satisfaction for their Quarterly Excise.—

And be it further Enacted That the Justices of the Courts of General Sessions of the peace in the Several Counties in this State are hereby Prohibited from granting any Licence to any Tavernkeeper or Retailor, after three months from the Passing this Act, Unless Such Tavernkeeper or retailer Produce to Such Court a Certificate from the Said receiver, Farmer or Deputy, that he or She have paid their Excise up to that time.—

[*Fifth Session, Held at Exeter, November 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, 1781.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED THORNTON IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON

[Passed Nov. 24, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 104; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 366.]

Whereas a Petition hath been preferred to the General Court, by a number of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called Thornton in the County of Grafton—Setting forth that they labor under great inconveniencies for want of an incorporation, and praying that they may be incorporated: Of which public notice has been given, and no objection has been made—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same; That there be and hereby is a Township erected and incorporated by the name of Thornton, containing all the lands, & bounded as set forth in the Charter or Grant thereof: And the Inhabitants of said Tract are hereby erected into a body politic and corporate to have continuance and succession forever, and invested with all the powers & enfranchised with all the rights, privileges and immunities which any Town in this State holds and enjoys, to hold to said Inhabitants and their successors forever

And whereas Moses Baker Esq^r pursuant to a Resolve of this Court has lately called a Meeting of the Inhabitants of said Town of Thornton: At which meeting they have chosen Selectmen & other Necessary town Officers

Be it therefore farther enacted—That the several officers chosen as aforesaid, be and they hereby are invested with all the Powers & Authority of the like officers in any other Town in this State: And all taxes & other Acts which they have made & done in

their respective Offices, agreeably to the Laws of this State, shall be esteemed good & valid in Law to all intents & purposes whatsoever—And every meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for the like purpose shall be on the last tuesday of March forever.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THOMAS LOYD OF GRAVILLE IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE MASSACHUSETTS TO SELL CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NOTTINGHAM IN SAID STATE—

[Passed Nov. 24, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 105; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 368.]

Whereas the said Thomas hath petitioned the General Court representing that his late Wife was in her life time seized in her own right of an undivided Moiety of the Lot numbered Twelve in the tenth Range in the third Division of Lots in the township of Nottingham containing in the whole about one hundred & fifty Six Acres of ordinary Land, & in february one thousand seven hundred & seventy Six died so seized, leaving issue six Children minors under fourteen Years of age—that in the Year one thousand Seven hundred & seventy seven Eight acres of the said Lot were sold for taxes—That for the three last Years he has been at Considerable Charges for the taxes on the same & expences in getting them paid & is still liable to more which in a few Years will exceed the Value of the same it being mean & incapable of a Settlement. That as it yields no income his Circumstances will not conveniently admit of his being at any further Expences to save it for his said Children And that if it were now sold it might redound to their Advantage—And therefore praying that he might be authorized to sell the same for their Benefit—which having been considered & appearing to be reasonable

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly convened That the said Thomas Loyd be, and he hereby is authorized & impowered to sell & dispose of the remaining Moiety of said Land and to make & execute as valid Deed or deeds thereof to the purchaser or purchasers of the same as if he was seized thereof in his own right in fee simple—Provided he first take the Guardianship of his said Children in the said County of Rockingham according to Law.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN BENJAMIN
WELCH AND CHARITY HIS WIFE.

[Passed Nov. 24, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 106; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 361.]

Whereas Charity Welch Wife of Benjamin Welch late of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid Mariner hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that She about fourteen years ago was married to the said Benjamin, who about seven years last past left her destitute of any Provision for her support, went to Sea, entered on board a British Man of War; and has continued with and in the service of the Enemy ever since For all which time She had never received either letter or supplies of any kind from him: That the said Benjamin was married again in England and had a Child there, For which Reasons She prayed that the bonds of Matrimony between the said Benjamin & her might be dissolved.—The principal facts set forth in said Petition being proved upon a full hearing thereof:

Therefore,

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Benjamin Welch and Charity be and hereby are dissolved and declared null and void.—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT INTITLED "AN ACT TO SURVEY
"& ESTABLISH THE BOUNDS OF SUNDRY TOWNS IN THE
"COUNTY OF GRAFTON AND STRAFFORD."

[Passed Nov. 24, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 107; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 363. The act referred to is dated Oct. 27, 1780.]

Whereas the time limited in and by said Act has proved to be too short to answer the good & salutary ends for which it was intended: And a petition has been preferred to the General Court by Jonathan Moulton Esq^r in behalf of the Agents of the Towns

at whose request said Act was made, praying that a further time may be allowed for that purpose

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representative in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same. That a further time of One year from the twenty seventh day of October last be allowed for the good & Salutary purposes which in and by the Act aforementioned were intended to be done—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN ISAAC BROWN AND JANE HIS WIFE.

[Passed Nov. 24, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 108; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 365.]

Whereas Isaac Brown of Mason in the County of Hillsborough and State afores^d Gentleman, hath petitioned the General Assembly for said State, setting forth That in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy One, he was married to one Jane Smith. That at the time of such marriage, She was in the third month of her pregnancy by another Man That for these eight years last past the said Jane hath behaved in a most disorderly and unbecoming manner and in every particular hath broken her marriage Covenant, threaten'd to kill her said Husband and denounced Vengeance Even to murder, That the said Jane hath threatned to burn his house and all that was in it, and once actually attempted it, by putting fire to a Quantity of flax in the House, That She the said Jane had many times struck her said husband with a large Fire Shovel Chairs and large Clubs, taking Aim at his head, That the said Petitioner hath good reason to believe that the said Jane had determined to poison him, and the said Petition contained other Aggravating Circumstances, For which reasons praying that a Divorce from the said Jane, a Vinculo matrimonii might be granted. The principal facts contained in the said petition being made to appear

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same, That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Isaac Brown and Jane Brown be, and they are hereby dissolved.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT INHABITANTS OF GREAT BRITAIN AND OTHERS INIMICAL TO THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA FROM PURCHASING TERRITORY WITHIN THIS STATE.—

[Passed Nov. 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 109; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 373. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 270. See additional act of June 21, 1782.]

Whereas the permitting persons who now are or hereafter may become Inhabitants of Great Britain, or who are or may be subjects of the British Crown to purchase lands within this State might prove detrimental to the peace and safety thereof.—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted,

That no person inhabiting within the dominions of the King of Great Britain or who is subject to the Crown thereof shall be permitted to hold purchase or receive by gift demise or donation any Estate in lands, tenements, or hereditaments within this State of a higher or more permanent nature than a lease hold Estate for one year: And all deeds mortgages wills and other conveyances whereby any Estate of a higher or more permanent nature than a lease hold for one year is conveyed or set forth to be conveyed to any such person or persons shall be utterly null and void any law usage or custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR PREVENTING THE SUBJECTS OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INIMICAL TO THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA FROM PROSECUTING ACTIONS SERVING AS JURORS, OR ACTING AS TOWN OFFICERS WITHIN THIS STATE.—

[Passed Nov. 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 110; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 357. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 269. See additional act of June 21, 1782. Repealed by acts of Jan. 3, 1784 and June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the permitting Persons who deem themselves Subjects of the British Crown and others inimical to the Sovereignty &

Independence of the United States to prosecute Actions, to serve as Jurors or Town Officers within this State may tend to prevent the execution of Law & to Subvert the Rules of Justice established within the same—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted

That every Plaintiff being an Inhabitant of this State or who shall have claimed Priviledges as such, who shall bring forward an Action, in any Court of Record or before any Justice of the Peace within this State, shall before Trial take the following Oath Viz^t I do swear that I will bear faith & True Allegiance to the State of New Hampshire and that I will do all in my Power to defend it against all Treacheries Conspiracies & hostile Attempts whatever; and that I do renounce any Subjection and Obedience to the Sovreignty or Government of Great-Britain & every foreign Power whatever; and that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction, Pre-eminence, Authority or Power, within this State except the Power which is or may be constitutionally vested in the Congress of the united States So help me God—

And be it further enacted that instead of the foregoing Oath, the People called Quakers shall take the following Affirmation Viz^t I do solemnly and sincerely Affirm and declare that I will bear faith & true Allegiance to the State of New Hampshire, and disclose & make known all Treacheries Conspiracies and Attempts against the same and I do renounce any Subjection or Obedience to the Sovreignty or Government of great Britain, & every foreign Power whatsoever; and that I do sincerely believe, that no foreign Prince, Person, Prelate, State or Potentate hath or ought to have any Jurisdiction Authority or Power within this State except the Power which is or may be constitutionally vested in the Congress of the united States.—

And in Case any Person bringing forward an Action, being at the Time an Inhabitant of this State, shall neglect or refuse to take the foregoing Oath or Affirmation, or in Case of his not being Personally present in Court, shall neglect to send forward a Certificate of his having taken the same before some Justice of Peace within the State, the Court or Justice shall Order Judgment to be entered for the Defendant to recover his Cost.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that every Person returned as Grand or Petit Jurors, shall before they are impannelled take the foregoing Oath or Affirmation; and in Case of Refusal shall be liable to the same Fine as in Case of non Attendance—

And be it further enacted that all Taverners and Retailers of Spiritous Liquors, shall before receiving Licence therefor, take, the foregoing Oath or Affirmation and in Case of refusal shall be

utterly disqualified to keep Tavern or to retail Spirituous Liquors within this State—

And be it further enacted that any Justice of the Peace within this State may administer, the aforesaid Oath or Affirmation & give a certificate thereof to the Person applying for which his Fee shall be one Shilling.—

And be it further enacted that all Select-Men, Assessors and other Town Officers, shall before entering upon the Duties of their respective Offices take the foregoing Oath or Affirmation, and in Case of refusal shall be utterly disqualified from serving in the Office to which they are chosen; & subjected to the same Penalties as Persons chosen to the same Offices are by Law liable to pay in Case of refusing to serve.—

Provided nevertheless that this Act shall not be extended to barr any Action of Assault & Battery which may be brought by any Person who shall be permitted to reside within this State, but every such Person shall be permitted to bring forward & maintain any such Suit without taking the Oath or Affirmation aforesaid, anything in this Act to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR IMPOWERING THE SHERIFF OF THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE TO RELEASE FROM PRISON SUNDRY OF THE GOOD SUBJECTS OF THIS STATE IMPRISONED BY CERTAIN EVIL MINDED PERSONS ASSUMING AUTHORITY FOR SO DOING UNDER THE PEOPLE INHABITING A TERRITORY COMMONLY CALLED VERMONT AND FOR APPREHENDING THE PERSONS SO OFFENDING

[Passed Nov. 28, 1781. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 111; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 370. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 271.]

Whereas the people inhabiting a tract of country on the West side of connecticut river originally granted by this State and afterward claimed by the State of New York have erected themselves into a separte and independant Jurisdiction by the name of the State of Vermont and whereas sundry Persons have by colour of authority under the said pretended State of Vermont—acted as civil Officers passed Judgments & committed to Prison sundry of the good subjects of this State and have seduced many of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Cheshire & Grafton to submit to the Jurisdiction of the said pretended State of Vermont by means

whereof the proper officers of the said Counties may be unable to release the good subjects of this State from such illegal Imprisonment and to apprehend the persons so offending without the special aid of this assembly and inasmuch as an impartial Tryal of the said offenders cannot probably be had within the said Counties where the offences have or may be committed

Therefore be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted

That the Committee of Safety be & hereby is impowered and authorized to Issue their Order to the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire to release from Prison all persons confined or who may hereafter be confined in either of said Counties by order process or Authority of any pretended Court magistrate officers or other persons claiming authority from the said pretended State of Vermont and to apprehend the persons who heretofore have exercised or who hereafter shall attempt to exercise any office power or authority within the said Counties of Cheshire or Grafton from by or under the said pretended Authority of Vermont and to convey said offenders to the common Goal in the County of Rockingham or such other County in this State as the said Committee may order there to remain untill released by Order of the General Assembly the Committee of Safety or by due course of Law.

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the said Committee of Safety be and hereby are impowered to authorize the Sheriff of the said County of Cheshire to call upon the Sheriffs of any or either of the other Counties in this State to raise the body of their Respective Counties to aid & assist him in Executing the order of the committee of Safety either to release persons imprisoned as aforesaid or to apprehend the Person or Persons imprisoning them and to convey the said offenders to any Prison within this State and also to command the aid of any officer or Officers of the Militia or Troops of this State which may at the time be within the Limits thereof and commanded by an officer commissioned by this State and all officers & other subjects of this State shall Yield due obedience to such command

And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the several and respective Courts of Judicature in the County or Counties where the said offenders may be confined be and they are hereby Respectively impowered to hear try and determine any process or processes against the said offenders and to give Judgment and award execution thereon in the same manner as though the offence had been committed within the body of the County where such Tryal is had any Law usage or Custom to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

[SEVENTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Exeter and Concord, Five Sessions, December 19, 1781,
to November 23, 1782.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

JOHN LANGDON, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

JOHN SMITH, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
John McClary,	Epsom.
Woodbury Langdon	Portsmouth.
George Frost,	Durham.
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Jacob Abbott,	Wilton.
Timothy Farrar,	New Ipswich.
Benjamin Bellows,	Walpole.
Thomas Sparhawk,	Walpole.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Atkinson and }	Nathaniel Peabody.
Plaistow, }	
Bow and }	John Bryant.
Dunbarton, }	John Sargent.
Candia,	Abiel Foster.
Canterbury }	Robert Wilson.
and London, }	John Underhill.
Chester,	Timothy Walker.
Concord,	Jeremiah Eastman.
Deerfield and }	Enoch Coffin.
Northwood, }	John Taylor Gilman.
Epping,	Ephraim Robinson.
Exeter,	Jedediah Swett.
	Appeared September
	1, 1782.

Greenland,
Hampstead,
Hampton,
Hampton Falls,
Hawke }
and Sandown, }
Kensington,
Kingston and }
East Kingston, }
Londonderry,

Newington,
Newmarket,
North Hampton,
Nottingham,
Pelham,
Pembroke,
Portsmouth,

Raymond }
and Poplin, }
Rye,
Salem,
South Hampton }
and Newton, }
Stratham,
Windham,

William Weeks.
John Calfe.
John Fogg.
Samuel Weare.
David Tilton.
Ebenezer Potter.
John Eastman.
Daniel Reynolds.
Archibald McMurphy.
Ephraim Pickering.
Samuel Gilman.
Moses Leavitt.
Thomas Bartlett.
James Gibson.
Samuel McConnell.
John Langdon.
William Whipple.
George Gains.

John Dudley.
Samuel Jenness.
Caleb Dustin.
Phillips White.
Mark Wiggin.
James Betton.

Strafford County.

Barrington,
Conway, etc.,
Dover,

Durham,
Gilmanton, etc.
Lee,
Madbury,
Meredith and }
Sanbornton, }
Rochester,
Sandwich, Tamworth }
and Moultonborough, }
Wakefield, Middleton }
and Leavittston, }

John Garland.
David Page.
Caleb Hodgdon.
John Waldron
John Smith.
Joseph Badger.
Hercules Mooney.
James Davis.
Ebenezer Smith.
Jabez Dame.
Daniel Beede
David Copp.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,
Andover, Warner, etc.,
Dunstable,
Goffstown,
Hillsborough, }
Henniker, etc, }
Hollis,
Hopkinton,
Lyndeborough,
Mason and }
Raby, }
Merrimac }
and Bedford, }
New Boston,
New Ipswich,
Nottingham West,
Temple and }
Peterborough, }
Weare,
Wilton, Lyndeborough, }
Mile Strip and }
Duxbury Farm, }

Moses Nichols.
Nathaniel Bean.
Benjamin French.
Enoch Sawyer.
Joseph Symonds.
Daniel Emerson.
Stephen Harriman.
Levi Spaulding.
Benjamin Mann.
Jacob McGaw.
James Caldwell.
Ephraim Adams.
William Burns.
Francis Blood.
Samuel Caldwell.
William Abbott, Jr.

Cheshire County.

Charlestown,

Cornish, Plainfield, etc.,

Keene,
Packersfield, Stod- }
dard and Gilsum, }
Rindge, Jaffrey and }
Peterborough Slip, }
Stoddard,
Surry, Marlow }
and Alstead, }
Swanzy and }
Fitzwilliam, }
Unity, Acworth, }
Lempster, Croydon, }
Newport and Saville, }

John Hubbard.
Appeared September
10, 1782.
Samuel Chase.
Appeared September
10, 1782.
Daniel Kingsbury.
Jonathan Adams.
William Smiley.
Jacob Copeland.
Absalom Kingsbury.
Abner Stone.
Oliver Booth,
Appeared September
10, 1782.

Walpole,
Westmoreland,
Winchester,

Josiah Goldsmith.
Jonas Butterfield.
Nehemiah Houghton.

Grafton County.

Haverhill,
Lancaster, Apthorp, Nor-
thumberland, Stratford,
Cockburne, Colburne,
Conway, Shelburne,
and the towns above, }
New Holderness, }
Rumney, Campton, }
and Thornton, }
Plymouth, New Chester, }
Cockermouth, and }
Alexandria, }
Wentworth, Warren, etc., }

Moses Dow.

Jeremiah Eames.

Edward Everett.

Joseph Senter.

Enoch Page.

[*First Session, Held at Exeter, December 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 1781; January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR IMPOWERING THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE TO TAKE COGNIZANCE OF AND TRY THE MERITS OF AN ACTION, ORIGINALLY COMMENCED BY GEORGE WENTWORTH AS EXECUTOR TO THE TESTAMENT OF GEORGE WENTWORTH LATE OF PORTSMOUTH MARINER DECEASED, AGAINST BENNING WENTWORTH AND THEODORE ATKINSON ESQ^{RS} AS EXECUTORS TO THE TESTAMENT OF JOHN WENTWORTH LATE OF SAID PORTSMOUTH ESQ^R DECEASED—

[Passed Jan. 4, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 112; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 375.]

Whereas George Wentworth of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham mariner, has petitioned the general Assembly setting forth that he as Executor to the last Will & Testament of George Wentworth late of said Portsmouth mariner deceased commenced an Action against Benning Wentworth late of said Ports-

mouth Esq^r deceased & Theodore Atkinson late of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r dec^d as Executors to the Testament of John Wentworth late of said Portsmouth Esq^r deceased, for a Legacy left by the said John to the said deceased George Wentworth; and on a tryal of the merits of the Cause at the Inferior Court, he recovered Judgment for five hundred Pounds Damages & Costs of suit from which Judgment the Said Benning & Theodore appealed to the Superior Court but before the Trial at said Superior Court Benning Wentworth Esq^r one of the Defendants died; whereupon the said George prayed the said Superior Court that the Death of the said Benning might be suggested on the Record and that the action might proceed against the said Theodore Atkinson Esq^r the surviving Executor Notwithstanding which the said Superior Court adjudged that the writ should abate for the Death of the said Benning, from which judgment the said George the then Pla^f in the Action appealed to the Governor & Council as a Court of Appeals, which same Court of Appeals adjudged that the Action should not Abate, and sent the same down for Trial of the Merits at the Superior Court, ordering that the Death of the said Benning should be suggested upon the Record, & the Action proceed against the said Theodore Atkinson Esq^r but the said Superior Court refused to take any Cognizance of the said Action; & ordered the same to be dismissed: whereby the said George Wentworth lost the Benefit of his aforesaid Action and Judgment of the Inferior Court, since which the said Theodore Atkinson Esq^r the last surviving Executor of the said John Wentworth has deceased, (having appointed George Atkinson of Portsmouth aforesaid Esq^r his Executor) whereupon the said George Wentworth has petitioned the general Court to pass an Act directing the Superior Court to take Cognizance of & proceed to try the Merits of said Action between the said George Wentworth the original Pla^f & the said George Atkinson Esq^r Executor to the Testament of the said Theodore Atkinson last surviving Executor of the said John Wentworth Esq^r deceased—

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted—That the Superior Court of Judicature at their Session in March next or any other Session within one Year from the passing of this Act proceed to try the Merits of the said action; between the said George Wentworth & the said George Atkinson as Executor to the Testament of the said Theodore Atkinson Esq^r deceased And that the Death of the said Benning Wentworth & Theodore be suggested upon the Record & that the said Court try determine give judgment & award Execution upon considering the Merits of the same Action, in the same manner as tho' the said Action had been originally commenced & prosecuted against the said George Atkinson as Executor to the Testament

of the said Theodore Atkinson Esq^r who was the last surviving Executor of the said John Wentworth Esq^r deceased. and in Case of judgment being rendered in favour of the said George Wentworth to award him his full Costs of the Inferior and Superior Courts at which the same has been pending the aforesaid judgment of the superior Court to the Contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE & IMPOWER JOHN PARKER OF PORTSMOUTH ESQ^r TO SELL & CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS IN WOLFEBOROUGH LATE THE ESTATE OF GEORGE MESERVE ESQ^r AN ABSENTEE, FOR THE PURPOSES THEREIN MENTIONED.

[Passed Jan. 5, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 113; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 378. See act of Nov. 4, 1780.]

Whereas the said John Parker has Petitioned the general Court representing that the Legislature of this State by an Act passed in November A D 1780 impowered Esther Meserve late Wife of the said George to sell & convey certain lands in Wolfeborough which belonged to him, for the support of herself & Children, That in consequence thereof she sold a small part of said Lands, but finding the price of such Lands to bear no proportion to the Prices of the Necessaries of Life, and having no other means to depend upon for the future Subsistence of herself & family, thot it most prudent to postpone the sale of the Residue till it might be sold to greater advantage—And in the mean time to procure the necessaries of Life upon the Credit of the said Lands—That in this Situation he & others her friends, in Expectation of being repaid when the rest of the Lands shou'd be sold, supplied her with money & other necessaries from time to time to a considerable amount—That she lately died suddenly, not having sold said Lands and left her helpless Orphans destitute of the necessaries of life, and means for her decent Interment—And that he and said others relying upon the Justice of this Court advanced her funeral Charges—and therefore praying that some meet Person may be appointed to sell the rest of said Lands for the purpose of paying him & others their said Demands and for the support of the said Orphan Children from time to time as their necessities may Demand—which appearing just

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of

the same That the said John Parker be and he hereby is authorized and impowered to sell the Residue of said Lands and that his Deeds thereof duly executed be valid in law to convey all the Right of the said George Meserve to the premises aforesaid at the time of his departure from this State—And that he adjust and pay the Demands of the Creditors who supplied her as aforesaid—And that he apply the Residue of the Proceeds to the supplying the said Children equally as their Necessities from time to time may require—he first giving bond with sufficient Sureties to the Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Rockingham for the faithful Discharge of the Trust hereby reposed in him & that he render an Account (upon Oath) to the said judge of his proceedings in the Premises when thereto required—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING ONE HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND POUNDS LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE ENDS AND USES THEREIN MENTIONED AND TO ENABLE THE RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING THE SAME

[Passed Jan. 16, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 114; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 434. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 273.]

Whereas it is necessary for the support of the present War, and for defraying the Charges of this State for the current year, for paying the Interest due on the public Securities thereof; and for such Officers and Soldiers as may have demands for the three & Six months Service; and discharging the State Debts due to the several Towns, for bounties to Soldiers and Supplies to their families up, to the last of the Year one thousand seven hundred and seventy nine—that the sum of one hundred and ten thousand pounds lawful Money should be raised—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same, it is hereby enacted that there be & hereby is granted for the current Year the Sum of one hundred and ten thousand pounds lawful Money, which sum shall be assessed and levied on the Polls and rateable Estates within this State, agreeable to the last proportion of Taxes for the several Towns and Places in this State; to be collected at the times and in the manner following, viz^t One third part of the said Sum to be paid on or before the last day of June next; one third part thereof on or before the last

Day of September next; the remaining third on or before the last day of November next—The said sum to be paid in the following manner viz^t in Silver or Gold, the Treasurers Certificates for Interest due on public Securities, orders on the Treasurer drawn by the President of the Council in favour of Officers & Soldiers, in the three & six months Service or in like orders in favour of any Town or Person for bounties to Soldiers or Supplies to their families up to the last of the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine or in the following specific Articles viz^t good New England Rum at two shillings and Six pence per Gallon, good West India Rum at four Shillings per Gallon, Beef Cattle at the first period at three pence half penny per pound weight, the Second period at three pence per pound, the third & last period two pence half penny per pound—Mens neat leather Shoes of a good quality at six Shillings per pair—Mens Yarn Stockings of the best quality five shillings per pair. Others in proportion Cotton & Cotton & linen Cloth seven eighths of a yard wide of the best quality two shillings per Yard Good yard wide tow & linen Cloth at one shilling & six pence per Yard, good felt Hatts at five shill^s each, good white woolen Cloth three quarters wide well mill'd and once shared Seven Shillings per Yard, and that of a meaner Quality in proportion—good eight quarter Blankets suitable for Soldiers at twenty one shillings each, linen Cloth seven eighths of a Yard wide of a quality suitable for shirting for Officers at five shillings per Yard linen Cloth of an inferior quality in proportion—Good wheat flour at twenty four shillings per hundred weight—And the Receiver general is hereby directed & required forthwith to issue his Warrants for collecting and paying the said Sum of one hundred and ten thousand pounds in the manner before directed. And the Selectmen of the several Towns and Places within this State, are hereby required as soon as may be after the first day of April next, to assess the rateable Polls and Estates within their respective Towns and Places their proportion of the said one hundred & ten thousand pounds and cause the same to be paid in manner aforesaid, making the said Tax in separate Columns for each payment and issue their warrants accordingly—And in making said Taxes they shall govern themselves by the Inventories taken for the Last proportion of Taxes in December, one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine, and returned to the general Assembly, with respect to all unimproved Lands, buildings & Lands of non residents; except where any Town or Place hath been lessened or doomed by the General Assembly for any or either of said Articles, in which Case they may deduct or add on such Article in just Proportion, so much as the said Deduction or Doomage amounted to.

Provided also that the Taxes of the Lands of Nonresident Proprietors (being unimproved) shall be made in a single Column

And that the Collectors shall not distrain for the same till after the last Day of September next—And that the said Lands of Non-resident Proprietors unimproved shall not be taxed for any other Taxes but only the State Tax War Tax & County tax.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That the Rum shall be delivered at the Expence of the several Towns and Places which may see fit to pay the same at the public Stores in Portsmouth Exeter or Plastow to such Person as shall be appointed to receive & receipt for the same, or to his Deputy—And that the Beef Cattle shall be delivered to the order of the Committee of Safety at the Expence of the several Towns & Places provided the said Several Towns and Places shall not be at the Expence of driving their Cattle at a greater distance than fifteen Miles. And all the other Specific Articles shall be delivered to the board of War at Portsmouth or Exeter free of Charge—And Receipts from the Chairman of the Committee of Safety or from persons appointed by said Committee to collect Beef Cattle or from the Persons who may be appointed to receive rum or from the board of War for the other Specific Articles shall be received by the several Collectors of Taxes & allowed by the Receiver General in Discount of said Taxes Provided also that if one third part of said Tax be not paid in Beef Rum or the other Articles mentioned in this Act at the Respective Periods before mentioned then such Deficiency shall be paid in Silver or Gold

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR LIQUIDATING THE PUBLIC SECURITIES OF THIS STATE, ADJUSTING THE INTEREST ON THE SAME, AND AUTHORIZING THE TREASURER TO ISSUE NOTES PAYABLE IN GOLD OR SILVER.

[Passed Jan. 16, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 115; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 381. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 275; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 222. See act of Nov. 29, 1777.]

Whereas the public Securities of this State have been given out at various periods, and the depreciation of Paper money has been such that the real value of such Securities in many instances is not therein ascertained, and it being necessary that the Interest due thereon should be discharged.

Therefore Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that each and every Person possessed of

any public Securities of this State may bring the same into the Treasury and the Treasurer is hereby impowered and directed to liquidate the same agreeably to the scale of depreciation and the Act passed thereon, September the first 1781, and shall give new Notes for principle and interest so liquidated, or shall give certificates for the interest or any part thereof to any Person who may incline to receive the same, and give Notes for the Sum that shall remain after the amount of such Certificate is deducted; which Notes and Certificates shall be in the forms hereafter prescribed in this Act—And Be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Treasurer shall compute the interest upon all such securities up to the last day of July next and all new Notes by him given as aforesaid shall bear date on that Day.—And be it further enacted that when any Person shall decline receiving new Notes in lieu of the securities brought in as aforesaid the Treasurer shall compute the interest on such securities up to said last day of July and give Certificates therefor and indorse the same on such Securities—And be it further enacted that the Treasurer be and hereby is directed and impowered annually to discharge the interest which may become due after the said last day of July next on the public securities of this State (if requested) and in case the state of the Treasury will not admit of his paying the same in Specie, he is hereby authorized to give Certificates therefor and endorse the same on such Securities which Certificates shall be received in all future State Taxes equal with Silver & Gold

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that all Notes which have been given to Officers and Soldiers for depreciation of Wages be estimated and received equal to Silver and Gold—And be it further enacted that the form of the Notes to be given by the Treasurer shall be as follows, Viz—

State of } No July 31st 1782
New Hampshire }

In behalf of the State of New Hampshire I the Subscriber do hereby promise and oblige myself and Successors in the Office of Treasurer of said State to pay to or Bearer
Lawful money in Gold or Silver on Demand, with six per Centum interest therefor to be paid annually if demanded, it being for value received for the Use of said State—Witness my Hand—
Treasurer

A. B. }
C. D. } Committee

And be it further enacted that Mr John Taylor Gilman, Mr Joseph Pearson and Mr Ephraim Robinson be and they hereby are appointed a Committee any two of whom to countersign said Notes. And be it further enacted that the Certificates for Interest be in the following form, Viz—

State of New }
Hampshire } N^o

I Treasurer of the State of New Hampshire do hereby certify that there is due to for Interest on public securities of this State Lawful money and the several Constables and Collectors within this State for the current Year are hereby directed to receive this certificate in payment of all assessments and taxes for the use of this State, in lieu of, and equal to Gold & Silver, and the same shall be so received by the Treasurer of this State for the Time being for any State Taxes for the current Year and in all future State Taxes—

Given under my Hand the 31st day of July 178

Treasurer

And be it further enacted, that all Officers and Soldiers whose Accounts for depreciation of Wages up to the last Day of December 1779, are now unsettled, may, if they shall chuse the same, receive Notes and Certificates for the Balances due to them in the forms prescribed in this Act in lieu of the Notes heretofore directed to be given them—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE SPREADING OF THE SMALL-POX IN THIS STATE.—

[Passed Jan. 17, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 116; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 387. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 277. See acts of Dec. 13, 1776, March 12, 1778, Nov. 11, 1788 and Feb. 3, 1789.]

Whereas the Salutory Ends proposed by the Law of this State Entitled “An Act provided in Case of Sickness” are not Suffiiciently Answered thereby but a further Provision is found to be Necessary, And whereas an Act passed December the Thirteenth One Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Six Entitled “An Act to prevent the Spreading of the Small-Pox in this State” being made Temporary is now Expired—

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That if any person, without Licence first had and Obtained from the General-Court, or Committee of Safety for the Time being, or from the major part of the Selectmen of the Town in which he dwells, Shall presume to Innoculate him or herself

or any other Person with the Small-Pox, or Shall be Innoculated therefor each Person so Offending shall pay a Fine of Thirty Pounds Lawfull Money to be recovered by Bill, Plaint Information or Indictment of the Grand Jury before the Superior Court of Judicature within this State the One Half thereof to the Use of the Informer or Prosecutor for the same and the other half to the Use of the Town where such Offence shall be Committed—

This Act to Continue and be in force for the Term of three Years and no Longer.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING ALL THE LAWS HERETOFORE MADE, BY THE PROVINCE, COLONEY OR STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, RELATING TO KILLING WOLVES, AND FOR FIXING THE PREMIUMS HEREAFTER TO BE GIVEN, FOR KILLING THOSE ANIMALS.

[Passed Jan. 17, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 117; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 385. Laws, 1780 edition, p. 278; Perpetual Laws, 1789 edition, p. 232. See additional act of Nov. 10, 1785, id., p. 234. See acts of Jan. 16, 1771 and Nov. 28, 1778. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the several Acts above mention'd, have been found insufficient for answering the salutary purposes thereby intended, and the killing Wolves being highly beneficial to this State.—

Therefore, Be it Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, that the several Acts above mentioned, be, and they hereby are, Repealed & made Nul and Void.

And Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing this Act, whosoever shall kill, or destroy any grown Wolfe, or Wolfe's Whelp within the limits of any Town, situate in this State, and bring the Head thereof unto the Constable of the Town, in which, such Wolfe or Whelp hath been killed; or if killed in this State, without the bounds of any Town belonging thereunto, then to the Constable of the Town next adjacent, unto the place of killing such Wolfe or Whelp, shall have a Receipt for the same; And the Constable shall cut both the Ears from the Head of such Wolfe or Whelp, and the party producing the Constables Receipt, to the Treasurer of this State for the time being, shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury, the sum of three pounds, for every Head of a grown Wolfe, and the sum of thirty shillings, for every Head of a Wolfe's Whelp, by him so killed or destroy'd.

[*Second Session, Held at Concord, March 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING & COMPLEATING THIS STATES QUOTA
OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY.

[Passed March 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 118; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 429.]

Whereas in & by an Act passed the twelfth day of Jan^{ry} seventeen hundred & eighty one for filling up the States Quota of the said Army it was Enacted, that thirteen hundred & fifty four able bodied effective Men, including non-commissioned Officers & privates should be raised to serve in said Army for three Years or during the War, including those then in the service, which were apportioned to the several Towns, Parishes & Places within this State in and by the Act aforesaid.

Notwithstanding which, many Towns, Parishes & Places, have neglected to raise their respective Quotas as therein set forth. And whereas the deficiencies of the several Towns, Parishes & Places, by a calculation made from late Returns, stand as followeth. Viz^t.

Allenstown One	1	Salem Five	5	Loudon Five	5
Atkinson Three	3	Seabrook Four	4	Northwood Three	3
Bow Two	2	Windham Five	5	North-Hampton	
Brintwood Four	4	Greenland Six	6	Eleven	11
Candia Nine	9	Hampstead Seven	7	Newington One	1
Chichester Six	6	Hampton Four-		Newton Five	5
Concord Nine	9	teen	14	New Market Two	2
Chester Seventeen	17	Hampton-Falls		Plastow Two	2
Canterbury One	1	Five	5	Poplin Three	3
Northfield Three	3	Hawke Three	3	Rye Four	4
Deerfield two	2	Kensington Three	3	Sandown Three	3
Epping Fifteen	15	Kingston Six	6	Stratham Nine	9
Portsmouth Four-		East-Kingston		South Hampton Six	
teen	14	Three	3		6
Pelham Seven	7	Londonderry Five	5	New-Castle One	1
Pembroke Six	6				

Barnstead Five	5	New Hampton		Rochester Twenty.	
Barrington Sixteen		Three	3		20
	16	Effingham One.	1	Sanbornton One.	1
Campton One	1	Lee Four	4	Sandwich Two.	2
Conway One	1	Madbury-Eight.	8	Somersworth	
Dover Two	2	Middletown Four.	4	Three.	3
Gilmantown Eight	8	Moultonborough.		Tamworth Two.	2
New-Durham Gore		Four	4	Tuftonborough	
four	4	New Durham Four.		Two.	2
Ossipee-Gore two	2		4	Wolfeborough Five.	
New Holderness					5
Two—	2				
Amherst Nineteen		Fishersfield Two.	2	New Ipswich Two.	
	19	Gofstown Five	5		2
Autrim Two	2	Henniker Three.	3	Mason Two	2
Andover Three	3	Hillsborough Three		Merrimack Three.	3
Bedford Four	4		3	Nottingham-West	
New Bradford One	1	Hollis Two.	2	Seven.	7
New Boston One	1	Hopkintown Seven.		Peterborough Three	
Derryfield Three	3		7		3
Deering Three	3	Hancock One.	1	Raby Two	2
Dunbarton Seven	7	Litchfield. Three.	3	Society-Land One	1
Dunstable Two	2	Lyndeborough Two		Temple. Two	2
Francestown Two	2		2	Weare Nine	9
Alstead Seven.	7	Hinsdale Four	4	Rindge Two	2
Ackworth Four.	4	Jafferey Two	2	Richmond Twelve	12
Cornish Eight.	8	Keen Twelve	12	Swansey Six	6
Claremont Ten	10	Leemster Four	4	Surry Four	4
Croydon Four	4	Marlow four	4	Wendell two	2
Chesterfield twelve		Marleborough Four		Stoddard Three	3
	12		4	Unity Four	4
Dublin One.	1	New-Port Four	4	Walpole Nine	9
Fitz-William Two—		Plainfield eight	8	Westmoreland Thir-	
	2	Packersfield one	1	teen	13
Gilsum Three	3	Protectworth One	1	Winchester Ten	10
New-Grantham				Washington Two.	2
Two.	2				
Apthorp One	1	Hannover Eleven	11	Relhan (alias En-	
Bath Four	4	Lancaster One	1	field) Three	3
Canaan Two	2	Lebanon Nine	9	Romney One	1
Cockburn One	1	Lime Seven	7	Shelburn One	1
Cardigan Two	2	Lyman Two	2	Thornton One	1
Coleburn One	1	Landaff One	1	Warren One	1
Dorchester One	1	Morristown Two	2	Wentworth One	1
Grafton Two	2	Orford Six	6	Dartmouth One	1
Gunthwait three	3	Piermont Four	4	Coventry One	1

And whereas it hath been recommended, by his Excellency the Commander in Chief of the Armies of the United States, as a matter worthy of our most serious attention, and it being absolutely necessary, immediately to fill up the State Battalions—

Therefore, Be it Enacted, by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, & by the Authority of the same, it is, hereby Enacted—that the several delinquent Towns, Parishes & Places within mentioned, shall immediately raise their respective Quotas of able bodied effective Men, to serve in the Continental Army for three years or during the War; and present their said recruits, to the Muster-Masters which shall be appointed to Muster the same, on, or before the tenth Day of May next; and shall take their Receipts for the same—And each of said Muster-Masters on or before the fifteenth day of the said Month of May, shall make his return into the Secretary's Office of this State, of all such Recruits, by him mustered and the respective Towns, Parishes or Places, for which the same were Raised.

And Whereas some difficulties have arisen and now remain unsettled in consequence of two or more Towns claiming the same Men, and it being probable that some Towns & Places have Men in service, which for want of proper Returns are not credited to them—Therefore, Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that all such Towns & Places, may at any time previous to the said fifteenth Day of May next, make return to the Committee of Safety, or such other Committee as may be appointed for that purpose, of all such Men as they have in service, and which have not been credited to them, And may also have such double Returns adjusted: And when it shall be ascertained by said Committee to which Towns such disputed-Men belong, they shall have the same deducted from the number Assigned them by this Act.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Secretary of this State shall immediately after the s^d fifteenth day of May next, make out a Coppy of all such Returns as may have been made by the several Muster-Masters in consequence of this Act, and return the same to the Treasurer of this State; and if it shall appear that any Town or Place hath not their proportion of Men pointed out in this Act: Then the Treasurer shall for each, & every Man so deficient, estimate the sum of sixty pounds lawful Money, and immediately issue his Extents against the Select-Men of the several Towns & Places so deficient, for the amount of such deficiency, which Extents shall be returnable in thirty days from the date thereof: And the Select-Men against whom such Extents shall issue, are hereby Authorised to Assess the Inhabitants of their respective Towns, Parishes & Places to satisfy the amount of said Extents: or in case the deficiency falls on any Class or Class's, where the Towns, Parishes & Places did

Class themselves agreeable to a former Act for that purpose, then to Assess such delinquent Class or Class's therefor.

And whereas some disputes respecting Men claimed by some of the Towns, Parishes & places, may remain unsettled on the said 15th day of May next.—Be it further Enacted, that all those Towns, Parishes or Places which by the said 15th day of May next shall raise the number of Men affixed to them respectively by this Act, shall have liberty at any time within the term of six Months, from the passing the same, to ascertain the justice of their respective claims to such Man or Men: And if it shall then Appear, that the proportion set them, or any of them was too great; they shall be allowed therefor, the sum of sixty pounds L¹ Money, for each & every Man by them so procured over and above their proportion, to be paid out of the Treasury of this State, with Interest for the same, from the time which they shall cause the said Man or Men to be Mustered.

And Be it further Enacted, that Muster-Masters be appointed by the Committee of Safety, one of whom shall Muster at Exeter all the recruits raised as afores^d within the Regiments of Militia commanded by Colo^{ls} Wentworth, Evens, Moulton, Gilman, Gale, John Webster, Smith, M'Clarey and Richerdson: Another of whom shall Muster at Amherst the recruits raised as aforesaid within the Regiments commanded by Colo^{ls} Stickney, David Webster, Bell, Kelley and that part of the Regiment commanded by Col^o Hale which is within the County of Hillsborough and the Regiment of the late Col^o Nichols: And that a third be appointed to Muster at Charlestown the Recruits which shall be raised within the Regiments commanded by Colonels Elliss, Chase, the late Col^o Bellows, Col^o Johnson and that part of the Regiment commanded by Col^o Hale which is within the County of Cheshire.—

And Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that for each and every Recruit raised and Mustered as aforesaid, by any Town, Parish or Place, to fill up their deficiency agreeable to this Act: the Town Parish or Place shall be entitled to receive out of the Treasury of this State, the sum of twenty pounds, equal in Value to Indian Corn at ⁷four shillings per Bushel, in four Years from the time of raising such Recruit, with Interest at the rate of six per Cent. per Annum.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire:* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE INFERIOR
 COURTS OF COMMON PLEAS AND COURTS OF GENERAL SES-
 SIONS OF THE PEACE IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

[Passed March 22, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 119; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 388. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 279. See act of April 4, 1781. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas, The Time appointed by Law for holding the Inferior Courts of common pleas and Courts of general Sessions of the peace in the County of Strafford has been found very inconvenient for that purpose

Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That the Inferior Court of common pleas appointed to be held at Durham within and for the County of Strafford on the first Thursday next following the third Tuesday of April next shall be held at said Durham on the Third Tuesday of said Month: & all processes returnable to said Inferior Court or which were to have Day in said Court on the first Thursday next following the Third Tuesday of April next shall be returned to and have Day on the Third Tuesday of the same Month.

And be it further Enacted That the Court of General Sessions of the peace which was to have been held at Durham within and for the said County of Strafford on the Third Tuesday of April next shall be held at said Durham on the first Thursday next following the Third Tuesday of said month: And all processes returnable to said Court of Sessions and which were to have day on the third Tuesday of said Month shall be returned to & have Day in said Court on the first Thursday next following the third Tuesday of the same Month.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Inferior Court to be holden at Durham within and for said County shall be held there Annually on the Third Tuesday of April. And the Court of General Sessions of the peace on the first Thursday next following the Third Tuesday of the same Month.

And be it further Enacted That the Inferior Court of common pleas appointed by Law to be held at Dover within and for the said County of Strafford on the first Thursdays next following the Third Tuesdays of January July and October be there held in future annually on the Third Tuesdays of said months: And that the Court of general Sessions of the peace appointed by Law to be held at Dover within and for the said County of Strafford

on the Third Tuesdays of January July and October be there held in future annually on the first Thursdays next following the Third Tuesdays of the said Months respectively.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED AN ACT TO REPEAL
SUNDRY ACTS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO TAVERNERS INN-
HOLDERS RETAILERS AND COMMON VICTUALLERS AND FOR
REGULATING TAVERNS, INNS AND RETAILERS WITHIN SAID
STATE.

[Passed March 22, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 120; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 390. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 380; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 243. Revived by the act of June 25, 1787. id. p. 244. See the acts of Dec. 26, 1778, March 30, 1781 and June 14, 1791. Laws, 1792 ed., p. 322.]

Whereas the Said Act prohibits any Persons selling Spirituous Liquors without Approbation of the Selectmen of the Town or place where they dwell and a Licence from the Court of General Sessions of the Peace for the County where such persons reside— But makes no provision for the Renewal of such Approbation & Licence which is found Necessary.—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same. That each and every Person who shall presume to exercise and carry on the Employment of a Taverner or Retailer of Spirituous Liquors for a longer Term than one Year from the time of their respectively Obtaining Licence therefor without renewing such Licence in due form shall forfeit and pay the sum of Three pounds respectively for each and every such Offence to be recovered in the manner and for the purposes in said Act mentioned for selling Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits without Approbation and Licence

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Several Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in and for said State are hereby inhibited granting or renewing Licence for any Taverner or Retailer within their respective Counties who shall not exhibit in the Respective Courts a Proper Approbation for that purpose signed by the Major part of the Selectmen of the Town or place where such Person or Persons applying for the same respectively Dwell.

Provided always that when it shall be made to appear to any such Court of Sessions of the peace in the Respective Counties

that the Selectmen of any Town Parish or place unreasonably refuse to renew any such Approbation or that there are no Selectmen for the Town Parish or place where the person or Persons applying for such respectively Dwell, such Courts of General Sessions of the peace are hereby authorized and Impowered to grant Licence to such and so many of the persons so applying therefor as the said Courts shall Judge Necessary for the publick Good.

This Act to continue and be in force for the Term of Three Years and no Longer.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ASCERTAINING THE TITLE OF DOCT^r JOSIAH POMEROY TO CERTAIN LANDS IN KEENE & FOR THE SAME TO BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF HIS CONFISCATED ESTATE—

[Passed March 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 121; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 392.]

Whereas Daniel Newcomb of Keene in the County of Cheshire Trustee of the Estate of Doct^r Josiah Pomeroy late of Keene afores^d an Absentee hath petitioned the General Court of this State Setting forth that said Pomeroy before he absconded from the State had purchased, possessed, and was the proper owner of the following Tracts of land in Keene aforesaid viz two house lots Numbered Forty two and Forty three containing about Sixteen Acres—One peice of Meadow Land lying in Ash Swamp (so-called) containing about Twelve acres bounded northeasterly on Col^o Wyman's land Southerly on M^r Sumners land, Southwesterly on land belonging to Deacon Fosters heirs and Northerly on M^r Rogers's Addition laid out to the right of house Lot number Forty Two—One other peice of Meadow land lying in Ash swamp (so called) containing about Twelve Acres laid out in an After Division to the right of house lot number Forty Two bounded Southerly on M^r Rogers's Addition, Southwesterly on land of Deacon Fosters's heirs Northeasterly on Nathan Blake's land, Northerly on Simeon Clarks land and Southwesterly on land of Benjamin Archer—One Tract of Meadow land containing about eleven acres being the Westerly part of the Eight acre lots Numbered Twenty Six Twenty Seven & Twenty Eight and lying partly on Bullards Island (so called) one tract of land lying northerly of the Meeting house in said Keene containing about Seventy Acres bounded Southerly on land of M^r Benjamin Hall, Easterly & Northeasterly

on land of David Nims Northerly on common land and Westerly on land of Col^o Wyman—One other Tract of land lying Northerly of said Meeting house containing about Ten Acres bounded Southerly on land of David Nims, Westerly on the road leading from Keene to Walpole Northerly on Col^o Bellows's hundred Acres (so called) and Easterly on land of David Nims—Also one eight Acre Meadow Lot Numbered Twenty four laid out to house lot Num^r four—one Tract of pasture land lying on East Beech Hill (so called) containing about Forty acres & bounded as follows viz beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot Num^r three, and running Northerly bounded on Lot Number two to the North west corner of Lot Number Three thence a direct line across Lot Number four to the North line of the said Lot Number four then running Easterly bounded on Lot Number five to the North east corner of Lot Number four, then turning and running Southerly bounded on land formerly left for a Road to the Southeast corner of Lot number three thence running Westerly to the first mentioned corner—Also one Tract of Land lying in said Keene, containing about Ninety Three Acres and Ninety Six rods which includes part (viz Forty Acres) of a Sixty Acre Pitch in the Ninth division of land in said Town, and was drawn to house lot Number Sixty two, the remainder of said tract consists of two Pitches in the Tenth division of Land in said Town the one drawn to house lot Number Sixty two, and the other was drawn to house Lot Number Twenty five, excepting out of said Tract of land one undivided part containing Twenty five Acres belonging to Benjamin Archer butted & Bounded as described in the Proprietors records of said Town—And that the said Pomeroy's Deeds of the Afores^d tracts of Land had never been recorded but were concealed & could not be come at by the Trustee to said Estate; and therefore he could not make sale of the same as the confiscated Estate of said Pomeroy—Therefore he prayed that by Act of Legislature said Lands might be declared to be part of the estate of said Pomeroy & confiscated Accordingly.

On which petition the General Court appointed a day to hear the same, and public Notice hath been given, that any person might appear & shew cause why the prayer of said Petition should not be granted—And no person having appeared to Object thereto, and the principal facts contained in said Petition having been proved to be true and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable—Therefore

Be it enacted, and is hereby Enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Court convened that all the Aforesaid Tracts of Land be considered as the Estate of the Said Josiah Pomeroy as fully to all intents & purposes as though authentick Deeds thereof to him, had been recorded in the registry of Deeds for said County and confiscated for the use of this State in the

same manner as any other part of his Estate—And the Trustee of said Estate is hereby empowered and directed to proceed therewith agreeably to the Laws of this State relative to confiscated Estates—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VACATE A DEED OF CERTAIN LANDS IN RYE IN THE
COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM

[Passed March 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 122, recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 396.]

Whereas Nathaniel Batcheldor of Deerfield in the County of Rockingham Yeoman in behalf of himself and Molly his wife hath Petitioned the General Court Setting forth “That Joseph Libbey of Rye in said County Yeoman Sometime in the year “1764 died intestate leaving your Petitioners said wife his only “child and heir. Soon after his decease Abraham Libbee of said “Rye Yeoman, & the Widow of the deceased, now wife of Reuben “Dearborn of North Hampton in said County Yeoman took “Administration of the Estate of the Intestate, exhibited an Inventory of his real & personal Estate amounting to Eight Thousand and Three hundred and Fifty five pounds of the then Old Tenor. “Nine years Afterwards the Administ^{rs} preferred their Administration Account to the Judge of probate wherein they charged themselves with the personal Estate & other Articles to the amount “of Two hundred and four pounds, Thirteen Shillings and four pence Lawful Money, and credited themselves for about one hundred and Fifty pounds like money by which there then appeared “a considerable Balance in favor of the estate in the hands of the Admin^{rs} Since which your Petitioner can find no Account exhibited by the Admin^{rs} Yet they in an unaccountable manner “Obtained a Licence to sell the Real Estate of the Intestate to pay “his Debts. By virtue of which licence and with a design to “defraud the Creditors to, and heir of said estate (as your Petitioner conceives) the Admin^{rs} did by Deed of sale bearing date “the seventh day of April A D 1774 by them executed sell and “convey in Fee to Samuel Hale Junior then of Portsmouth in said County Attorney at Law, now an Absentee the following “tracts of Land situate in said Rye viz That Tract of Land owned “by the said Joseph in his lifetime on which his house stood and “in which he dwelt bounded as follows beginning at a pine Tree “at Nicholas Dolby’s southwest corner, then runs Northwesterly “by said Dolby’s land till it comes to Land lately owned by James

“Hobb’s, and by said land the same course about Twenty Rods
“till it comes to the Northeast corner of said Land, thence South-
“westerly by said Hobbs lands thirty rods more or less thence
“Southerly by said Hobbs and Garlands land till it comes to the
“highway, and by the highway easterly till it comes to the Boun-
“dary began at. And also one half of an Acre of land called the
“Orchard Lot on the south side of the Highway beginning at the
“place where Bickford Lang’s Shop stands & runs Easterly on
“said Highway Twenty Rods to a pine Stump, Thence South-
“westerly by said Lang’s Land about Twenty five rods, thence
“Ten Rods to the Bound began at. Both said Tracts containing
“the home place of the said Joseph Libbee. Which Deed your
“Petitioner can prove by the Condition of the said Hales Bond &
“other Evidence was not Bona fide, for a good and valuable con-
“sideration but only for a Cover. And as the Creditors by this
“Covenons Sale must be still prevented from getting their just
“demands and the heir from Inheriting what of said Estate May
“be left after payment of the Debts unless the Deed so given the
“said Hale should be made void”—

Wherefore he prayed that the said Deed might be vacated by
Act of the Legislature.

And publick Notice having been given, and the parties fully
heard on the premises, it appeared that the facts set forth in said
Petition were true & the request reasonable—

Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Council
& house of Representatives in General Assembly convened that
the Deed before Mentioned be, and the same hereby is vacated,
and declard Null and void, And the fee & title of said Lands to
be considered in the same manner as if said Deed had never been
Executed

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR REPEALING AN ACT PASSED THE THIRD OF JULY, 1781 ENTITLED AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SECURITY & PAYMENT OF THE BALLANCES THAT MAY APPEAR DUE TO THIS STATES QUOTA OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY PURSUANT TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE TWENTY SIXTH OF MARCH & THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER 1779 AGREEABLE TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF CONGRESS. AND ALSO FOR SETTLING & GIVING SECURITY TO THE OFFICERS & SOLDIERS OF THE SAID QUOTA FOR WHAT MAY APPEAR DUE TO THEM FOR WAGES FOR THE YEAR 1780 & 1781

[Passed March 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 123; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 409. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 281.]

Whereas the act in part above recited appears not to be well calculated to answer the good purposes thereby intended. Therefore It is hereby Enacted by the council & house of Representatives in General Court Assembled that the aforesaid Act be and hereby is Repealed and declared null & void

And whereas it is Necessary that the Ballances due to the Officers & Soldiers of this States Quota of the Continental Army for wages for the year 1780 & 1781 should be adjusted and security given them therefor—

Therefore—Be it Enacted and it is hereby enacted by the authority Aforesaid, that the Treasurer of this State be, & he hereby is directed and authorized on the credit of this State to issue his notes for the payment of the Ballances which shall appear to have been due to each Officer & Soldier of this States Quota of the Continental Army for the year 1780 and for the year 1781 of the same date & form as those mentioned in an act for Liquidateing the public Securities passed the Sixteenth of January one Thousand seven Hundred & Eighty Two on his Receiving a warrant from the President of the Council or Chairman of the Committee of Safety of this State for that purpose—And the Treasurer aforesaid is hereby Authorized & directed to give each of said Officers & Soldiers a Certificate (in the same manner & form as those he is directed to issue for the Intrest on public securities) for the Intrest of the money due respectively for the year one Thousand seven hundred & Eighty from the first day of January one Thous-

and seven hundred & Eighty one to the date of said Notes—And for the Intrest of the money due for the year one thousand seven hundred & Eighty one from the first day of January one Thousand seven hundred & Eighty Two to the date of said Notes—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the committee who are or shall be appointed to settle & adjust the accounts of Said Officers & Soldiers be & they are hereby directed to compute all money or supplies advanced to said Officers & Soldiers or their families according to the scale of Depreciation fixed for this State, And to certify the Balances due respectively to the President of this State or the Chairman of the committee of Safety—And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that the President of the council or chairman of the committee of Safety is hereby impowered and requested on Receiving Certificates from the Committee aforesaid to draw warrants on the Treasurer directing him to issue notes in manner aforesaid—Provided nevertheless that notes may be given includeing the Intrest with the principal on the ballances which may be found due, by an adjustment as Aforesaid to all such of the said Officers & soldiers as may be willing to accept the same respectively.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE ALEXANDER LESLIE TO REDEEM CERTAIN LANDS MORTGAGED BY HIS MOTHER, TO JOHN COCHRAN ESQ^r AN ABSENTEE.

[Passed Mar. 25, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 124; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 419.]

Whereas the said Leslie has petitioned the General Court representing that his late mother Hannah Leslie, late of Londonderry deceased having administred upon the Estate of his late father Daniel Leslie late of said Londonderry deceased, and found it incumbered with Debts, obtained a Licence from the Judge of Probate to sell so much of the real Estate of said Deceased as would be sufficient to pay the debts due from him—In consequence of which she made over & conveyed to the said John Cochran, her brother, about Sixty Acres of Land in said Londonderry, part of said Estate, for less than half the Value thereof, in expectation of redeeming it for her Children—And accordingly took from him a writing designed for a Defeasance, by which he engaged to reconvey to her—the said Land—if within three Years from the date thereof she should pay him fifty four pounds lawful money with interest

That before the expiration of said Term, the said Cochran went over to the enemies of the united States—so that after said time was elapsed (during her life) she could not come at him to pay the said sum & obtain a reconveyance of the said Land

That she died without having finished her said Administration—and sundry Creditors remain unpaid who expect their demands to be satisfied, by the Said Alexander—

And therefore praying that some meet person may be appointed to take sufficient Security from him for the Debt due to the said Cochran, payable in a limited time for the use of said State, & authorized to convey the said Land to him

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, & by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted—That the writing aforesaid purporting a Defeasance, shall be considered, to operate as such, and the Deed aforesaid as a Mortgage—And the said Alexander Leslie Administrator of the Estate of the said Hannah, Administratrix as aforesaid deceased—is hereby authorized & empowered to redeem the said Lands, by paying the Sum of Seventy Eight pounds, being the amount of the afores^d Sum of fifty four pounds with the interest threof from the twentieth day of October 1772 to the twentieth Day of March 1780 to the treasurer of this State, for the use thereof

And upon his paying said sum to the treasurer within six months from the passing this Act with lawful interest the treasurer is authorized to give his Certificate therefor—Which Certificate being produced to the Register of Deeds for the County of Rockingham the said Register shall enter the same in the Margin of the Record of the Deed aforesaid, in full Discharge of the same—And the Land by said Deed intended to have been so conveyed to the said Cochran shall revert to, & be considered as part & parcel of the Estate of the said Daniel Leslie deceased, as fully and absolutely to all intents & purposes as tho' such Deed had never been made—And shall be liable to the payment of any of the Debts of the said Daniel Leslie deceased; And for the Use of his heirs; And shall be settled agreeable to the Laws of this State, for the settlement & distribution of the Estates of persons dying intestate

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR CONFISCATING THE ESTATES OF SUNDRY SUBJECTS OF THIS STATE, AND OF THE OTHER UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHO HAVE, SINCE THE COMMENCEMENT OF HOSTILITIES BETWEEN GREAT BRITTAİN & THE UNITED STATES, GONE OVER TO THE ENEMY, ALSO THE ESTATES OF THE SUBJECTS OF GREAT BRITTAİN LYING WITHIN THIS STATE.

[Passed March 25, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 125; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 439. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 282.]

Whereas every Government has a right to command the personal services of all its members at all times, more Especially, in time of Invasion, & their withdrawing therefrom and taking Refuge with an Enemy actually at War with such Government, intitles such Government, to Seize their Estates, as being thereby justly forfeited: and Whereas by the law and Custom of Nations, no Subject of any foreign power, actually at war with any State or Government, ought to hold, or enjoy, any Estate within the same without special Permission for that purpose: And Whereas sundry Subjects of this State, and Sundry Subjects Of the other united States of America, who Have since the commencement of Hostilities between Great Brittain And the Said United States, withdrawn themselves from this State, or some other of the said United States and either Joined the Enemies thereof, or have taken refuge among them, and have died there, or still remain with them, and many subjects of the Crown of Great Brittain, & Residing within the Jurisdiction thereof, do now hold Land and other property within this State.

Therefore, be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, that Every Subject of this State, or any other of the united States of America, who was an Inhabitant thereof at the Commencement of Hostilities with Great Brittain, and hath since that time given aid, assistance or comfort, to the King of Great Brittain, or his Adherents, or who—since the Nineteenth day of April one thousand seven Hundred and Seventy five, hath withdrawn from this State, or from some other of the Said united States, without the permission of Congress, or the Legislative or executive Authority of this, or some other of the said United States, into parts under the power and authority of the King of Great Brittain, at the time of his so withdrawing, and died without returning to some one of

the united States, & being there received as a Subject, or who yet continues with the enemy, or in parts or places under the Jurisdiction or power of the King of Great Britain ; shall be deemed and adjudged, to have freely renounced all civil, and political relation to each, and every of the said united States, and be considered as an Alien.—

And be it further Enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that all the Goods, Chattles, Rights, Credits, Lands and Tenements, which the persons above described were possessed of, or intitled to possess, hold, enjoy or Demand, In their own right, or which any other person stood, or doth stand possessed of to their use, shall escheat, enure & accrue, to the use and benefit of the Government, and People of this State ; and are accordingly hereby declared to be forfeited, and to Escheat as aforesaid.—And to the end that an impartial Triall and determination may be had, for ascertaining what Estates do Escheat by force of this Act—

Be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicature, and the Justices of the several Courts of Sessions, be, and they are hereby Authorized, to direct the Grand Jurors of such courts respectively, to make diligent inquiry respecting all such Estates, with the Names and Characters, of the person or persons owning, or claiming the same, and return the same to the court, as an Estate falling within the description of this Act, with a description of the Estate, and of the offence committed by the owner or Claimant thereof, & the Attorney General, or such other person, as may be appointed by the respective courts to act as Such, may also ex officio, exhibit to the Justices of either of the courts aforesaid, held within the County where such Estate lies, a complaint describing the Estate and offence as aforesaid, which same presentment or complaint, shall be transmitted to the Clerk of the Inferior Court of such County, who shall fourteen Days at least, before the sitting of the next inferior Court of common pleas for said County, make out and cause to be printed in the New-Hampshire Gazette, a notification Setting forth the whole substance of the presentment, or complaint, that any Subject of this or any other of the United States may appear at the Said Inferior Court, to shew cause if any there be, why such Estate should not be declared forfeited, and shall lay the same before the Justices of the said Inferior Court, who are hereby directed, to cause the same to be Entered in their Book of entries and in case the owner, or Claimant, shall not appear by himself, or Attorney, the same shall be continued for one term, and at the second Term, without special reasons assigned, the complaint or presentment shall be brought to trial, or in case of non appearance, Judgment shall be entered by default ; but if any person—Shall appear to take upon himself the defence, upon Issue being Joined, the same shall be committed for trial, to

a Jury impanelled, agreeably to the laws of this State : and in case such Jury shall return their verdict, that they find the same Estate, or any part thereof, forfeited the Court shall proceed to give Judgment thereon ; and issue a writ of habere facias possessionem, in behalf of the Government and people ; to cause them to have Seizen, & Possession thereof, provided nevertheless, that an appeal may be had as in other cases, to the Superior Court : and in case of the Judgment of that Court, for forfeiting such Estate, or of any Inferior Court, where trial has been had, and no appeal taken, such Judgment shall be final and Conclusive : and in all prosecutions for Estate belonging to the same party and lying in the same, or other County or Counties, an Authenticated Copy of such Judgment, shall be Sufficient against the owner, or Claimant ; and the only question shall be, whether the Estate demanded, is the Property of the person whose Estate is thus adjudged to be forfeited, and the Clerk of such Court, is hereby directed, to Send a Copy of the aforesaid writ of habere facias possessionem, after being duly returned, and recorded to the Judge of Probate for the same County, who, is hereby directed, to proceed against the Estate therein described, in the manner as is pointed out by the laws already in force, respecting Estates which have been Confiscated by Act of Assembly. Excepting that the Commissioners Appointed to receive, and examine the Claims against such Estate, Instead of returning a list of the claims they shall Judge to be well made out, unto the Treasury, shall return the same to the Judge of the County in which they were appointed, who if the Estate is Solvent, shall send an attested Copy thereof to the Treasurer, with an order directing him to pay the several Creditors their claims, According to said list, but if the Estate is insolvent, the said Judge shall cause the same to be averaged among the creditors, in proportion to the allowed claims, and direct the Treasurer to pay them their respective proportion accordingly.—

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that where the wife, or Widow of any of the persons before described, and whose Estates shall have been declared forfeited, shall have remained within the Jurisdiction of any of the united States, and in parts actually under the authority thereof, she shall be Intitled to her Dower or thirds of such Estate, in the same manner as if her Husband had died intestate, and the respective Judges of Probate in the several Countys, are hereby inpowered to assign the same—

And be it further enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that if any person whose Estate shall be adjudged to have Escheated as aforesaid, and who shall not have any Wife, or Widow, intituled to any part thereof by virtue of this act, and shall have within this State any relation (Collateral kindred excepted) who may not be of sufficient abillity to support themselves, without some

allowance out of the Estate of such persons, to whom they stand related as aforesaid, that the Judge of Probate &c—be, and hereby is, Authorized & directed, to fix a Competent allowance, from time, to time, for the comfortable support of all such relations as are aforementioned, having respect to the value of such Estates—

And be it further enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that all real Estate lying within the limits of this State, belonging to any person or persons, bodies Politic, or corporate, being subjects of Great Brittain, and Professing Allegiance to that crown, be, and hereby are declared forfeited, to the use and for the benefit of the Government and people of this State, and shall be Ascertaind and proceeded against by the same kind of process, and Judgment shall be Given against the same, in the manner before Described in this Act, for obtaining Judgment for forfeiture and possession of the Estates of absentees, and the Judge of Probate &c for the County where such Estate lies, shall, upon receiving a Copy of the writ aforesaid, duly returned, appoint a Trustee, and authorize him forthwith to sell the same, and return the proceeds thereof, into the Treasury of this State for the use of the same, without having regard to the claims against such Estate.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO, & ALTERATION OF AN ACT, INTITLED
AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING COURTS OF LAW, FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE, WITHIN THIS COLONY—

[Passed March 25, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 126; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 399. Laws, 1780 edition, p. 286. The act herein referred to is dated July 5, 1776. Repealed June 20, 1792. See act of Feb. 7, 1789.]

Whereas in and by said Act it is enacted that there shall be holden annually in the County of Cheshire, one Superior Court of Judicature—And in the County of Grafton one Superior Court of Judicature, Two Courts of General Sessions of the Peace, and Two Inferior Courts of Common Pleas—at such times and places as are particularly mentioned in said Act—And whereas the times of holding the Courts of General Sessions of the peace, and the Inferior Courts of Common pleas, in said County of Grafton are inconvenient And it appearing necessary for promoting Justice that there should be holden in the said County of Cheshire Two Superior Courts of Judicature in the County of Grafton two Superior Courts of Judicature, Four Courts of General Sessions of the peace, and four Inferior Courts of Common pleas, annually

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened ; and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted—That there be & hereby is established one other Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Charlestown in the County of Cheshire on the second tuesday of May annually—And in the County of Grafton one Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Plymouth on the last Tuesday of April annually And one Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Haverhill on the third Tuesday of October annually—And Two Courts of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Plymouth on the first thursdays next following the third tuesdays of May and November annually And Two Courts of General Sessions of the peace to be holden at Haverhill on the first thursdays next following the third tuesdays of February & August annually—And two Inferior Courts of Common pleas to be holden at Plymouth on the third Tuesdays of May and November annually—And two Inferior Courts of Common pleas to be holden at Haverhill on the third Tuesdays of February and August annually.

The operation of this Act to be suspended untill the Sixteenth Day of May next

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO IMPOWER THE JUDGE OF PROBATE TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN OR GUARDIANS OF THE PERSON & ESTATE OF MEHETABEL TREADWELL THE WIFE OF WILLIAM EARL TREADWELL OF PORTSMOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM SHE BEING NON COMPOS MENTIS, & TO ENABLE SUCH GUARDIAN OR GUARDIANS TO SELL SO MUCH OF HER REAL ESTATE FROM TIME TO TIME AS MAY BE SUFFICIENT FOR HER SUPPORT & THE PAYMENT OF TAXES ON HER OUT LANDS

[Passed March 26, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 127 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 407. Repealed Jan. 12, 1790.]

Whereas Peter Pearse & William Appleton both of said Portsmouth have Petitioned the General Court setting forth that their sister in law the said Mehetabel was & for a long time had been Non Compos mentis entirely incapable to take any Care of herself or Estate—That her said husband was totally negligent of her and her Interest & incapable of taking any care of her Person or

Estate—That her Interest had greatly snffered for want of some person to take care of it & that her out lands would be sold to a great Disadvantge for the payment of the taxes thereon unless some person or persons were appointed & impowered to sell such part thereof as woud be sufficient to pay the Taxes assessed thereon and therefore praying the Interposition of the Legislature, that the Judge of Probate for said County might be impowered to appoint a Guardian or Guardians for the purpose aforesaid and that such Guardian or Guardians might be enabled to sell so much of the Estate of the said Mehetabel as woud be sufficient for her Support & payment of such Taxes as were or might be assessed on her out Lands and the said William Earle Treadwell being notified & a hearing being had & The facts in said petition being proved & the prayer appearing reasonable—Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened & by the authority of the Same it is hereby enacted—That the judge of Probate &c for the said Connty for the time being be & hereby is fully impowed to appoint a Guardian or Guardians of the Person and Estate of the said Mehetabel taking bond of him or them for the faithful discharge of the trust and to account for the profits & proceeds of said Estate from time to time as the law of said State Entitled an Act for the Relief of Idiots & distracted persous, directs & requires of guardians appointed by Virtue thereof. And that the Guardian or Guardians hereby is and are fully impowered from time to time to sell & convey so much of the Estate of said Mehetabel as shall be sufficient for her support and for payment of such taxes as now are or shall be assessed on her out lands while she may remain insane

And that said Guardian or Guardians be & hereby is & are fully impowered for that purpose to make & execute any deed or deeds of said Lands which being done in due form of Law shall convey & secure to the purchaser or purchasers all the right & Interest of the said Mehetabel of & in the lands or Estate so sold—for the proceeds of which said Guardian or Guardians shall be accountable in manner aforesaid

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN HANNAH
WHITTEMORE AND PELATIAH WHITTEMORE HER HUSBAND.

[Passed March 27, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 128; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 403.]

Whereas Hannah Whittemore of New Ipswich in the County of Hillsborough in the State of New Hampshire, wife of Pelatiah Whittemore late of said New-Ipswich hath petitioned the General Assembly of said State, setting forth that she the said Hannah had been married unto the said Pelatiah, about nineteen years, and that her said husband, without any just cause on her part, had within eighteen months last past, at a place called Peeks Kill in the State of New-York, married another woman, and that he then actually lived and cohabited with the same woman at said Peeks Kill, and that he had utterly forsaken her the petitioner, for which reason she prayed, that a divorce from the said Pelatiah might be granted.

The facts contained in the said petition being made to appear by an acknowledgment in writing under the hand of the said Pelatiah

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same, that the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Hannah Whittemore and Pelatiah Whittemore be, and they are hereby dissolved, and for the future declared to be null and void.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN THOMAS ELLIOT AND ANNA HIS WIFE; AND TO VEST IN HER ALL THE REAL ESTATE WHICH SHE WAS POSSESSED OF IN HER OWN RIGHT AT THE TIME OF HER INTERMARRIAGE WITH THE SAID THOMAS ELLIOT

[Passed March 27, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 129; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 412.]

Whereas Anna Elliot of Newtown in the County of Rockingham, and State aforesaid, hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth that, at the Time of her intermarriage with the said Thomas, she was in her own Right possessed of a valuable Real & personal Estate—That the said Thomas had wasted the greater part of her personal Estate, & committed great waste on her Real Estate—That for more than a Year past he had deserted her bed, & utterly neglected to take any Care of her or her Children—And had illegally and adulterously cohabited with another woman—And therefore prayed that she might be divorced from the said Thomas—and that the possession & disposal of her said Estate might again be vested in her—

And whereas upon a full hearing of the matter, the principal facts contained in said petition appeared to be well supported, and the prayer thereof Just and reasonable

Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted—that the Bonds of matrimony between the said Thomas and Anna be and hereby are dissolved

And be it further Enacted by the Authority afores^d that all the Lands which the said Anna was siezed & possessed of in her own Right, at the time of her intermarriage with the said Thomas, and since by her not disposed of—be and hereby are vested in the said Anna, for the use of her the said Anna her heirs & assigns for ever

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTHERLY PART OF CHICHESTER IN THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM INTO A TOWN BY THE NAME OF PITTSFIELD.

[Passed March 27, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 130; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 401.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court by the Inhabitants of the Northerly part of the Township of Chichester in the County of Rockingham praying to be Incorporated into a Body Politic and Corporate by the name of Pittsfield of which due notice has been given, and no reasonable Objection being offered against it, and it appearing to be for the public good.

Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that there be and hereby is erected within the said Township of Chichester a Distinct Town by the name of Pittsfield by the following bounds viz beginning on the Southwesterly side of Barnstead & running Southwesterly on the head of Northwood until it Strikes the Northeasterly corner of Epsom, then running Westerly by said Epsom until it strikes great Suncook River (so called) then to run Northerly on said River until it comes opposite to the dividing line between the fifth & Sixth Ranges of Lots reckoning from Barnstead line being at the Southerly corner of a Lot laid out to the right of Col^o Sherburne, thence following the line between the said fifth & Sixth Ranges of Lots afores^d until it comes to Loudon line, thence Northeasterly on said Loudon line until it strikes Barnstead line, thence Southeasterly on said Barnstead line to the Bound began at.

And that all the Lands & Inhabitants thereof within the limits aforesaid be & hereby are erected & incorporated into a body Politic and corporate by the name of Pittsfield to have continuance and Succession forever, and the said Inhabitants and those that shall hereafter inhabit the said Town are hereby invested with all the powers and enfranchised with all rights privileges & immunities that any other Town within this State hold and enjoy: Saving that the Inhabitants thereof shall at all times join with the said Chichester in the choice of a Representative in the same manner as though s^d Chichester had not been divided.

And be it further enacted by the Authority afores^d that until there shall be a new proportion of the State Tax the said State

Taxes shall be Assessed in the said Town of Chichester in the same manner as though this Act had not been passed. And John Cram Esq^r is hereby authorized to call the first Meeting of said Inhabitants to choose all Necessary and Customary Town Officers, giving at least Fourteen days notice of the time, place, & design of such Meeting. And such Officers shall be invested with all the powers of the like officers in any other Town within this State. And every other Meeting which shall be annually held in said Town for that purpose shall be on the first Monday of March forever.

In the House of Representatives March 19th 1782.

Voted that the Tract of Land to the East of Haverhill & North of Warren be Taxed for the future by the name of Coventry—

Council concurred March 20th 1782.

In the House of Representatives March 25th 1782.

Voted that the Committee of Safety for this State be desired in the next recess of the General Assembly to prepare a Bill to confiscate the Merchandize which may be imported from great Britain or their dependencies agreeable to a resolve of Congress of the Second of January last—Also a Bill for establishing a Speedy mode of administering Justice between the Subjects of his most Christian Majesty &c. agreeable to a resolve of Congress of the 25th of January 1782—likewise a Bill to inflict exemplary punishment for any Breaches of the Law of Nations &c agreeable to a Resolve of Congress of ye 23^d of Novemb^r 1781 & that the Same be laid before this House at their next Session

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives March 27th 1782.

Resolved that David Page Esq^r be impowered to enlist eight men to be commanded by a Sarjeant, and employed in Scouting for the defence of the Frontiers of this State, adjacent to Anderscoggin River, and that said Page call upon Conway & Towns adjacent thereto for money or provisions to supply said men with Usual Rations—That Jeremiah Eames Esq^r be appointed to raise twelve men in the upper Co^{'s} Country to be commanded by a Sargeant and employed in Scouting for the defence of that part of the Country and that he collect money or provisions from Northumberland and the adjacent Towns to supply said men with Usual Rations—That Cap^t Samuel Runnels be appointed Lieutenant to recruit a Company of Fifty men to rendezvous at Haverhill by the first of May next to be employed in Scouting on the Western Frontiers of this State adjacent to the Lower Co^{'s}—That the said Company shall have only the two Commissioned Officers aforesaid and four Sarjeants & four Corporals & that Colonel Charles Johnston be appointed to call on the Several

Towns in the County of Grafton for money or Provisions & Supply the said Company with usual Rations and that he have the direction & Stationing of the Same—That all the men to be raised as aforesaid shall serve until the last day of November next unless Sooner discharged, and the Commissioned Officers shall be entitled to pay from the time of their first entering on the recruiting business and each Soldier from the day of his enlistment to the end of their Service—That every Town affording money or provisions for the Supplies of said Soldiers Shall be credited for the same towards their Taxes for the Current year—& that Each Officer & Soldier Shall be allowed the same pay as Officers of equal Rank, & Soldiers in the Continental Army—

Council Concurred Same day.

[*Third Session, Held at Concord, June 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR THE EASE & RELIEF OF PRISONERS FOR DEBT.—

[Passed June 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 131; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 421. *Laws*, 1780 ed., p. 289; *Perpetual Laws*, 1789 ed., p. 60. See additional acts of Jan. 3, 1784 and June 10, 1789. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the detaining Prisoners for Debt in Goal, who have no visible means, or rational prospect of discharging their debts while they are held in Prison, but become more deeply involved, is a great damage to the Creditors as well as the Prisoners & their families, and when they are capable of labor, their detention becomes a public loss.

Moreover the confining Prisoners for Debt, with Criminals is not expedient nor any ways suitable to their different circumstances.

Therefore Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, it is hereby Enacted, that when any person shall be committed to Prison, or is now detained there upon Execution for debt, if the judgment on which it is or shall be granted, was or shall be given on any proper Action of Debt, Covenant or Contract in which a certain sum shall be found actually due to the Plaintiff, or was so found on the judgments already given—and not otherwise, who had not at the time of such commitment, or shall not have at the time of his Commitment, any visible or other known Estate exceeding the Value of the sum of ten pounds, & no person appearing to pay the Debt, or give security to the Creditor, for the same, or some way compound or settle with him or them, within two months after such Commitment, such prisoner shall have liberty to Petition the Court awarding such Execution, or in time of vacation, any two of the Justices of said Court, to admit him to take before them, the following Oath, Namely.

I do solemnly swear, that I am not the owner of any real or personal Estate in possession or reversion or remainder, nor in the possession of any person or persons for me of the value of six pounds lawfull Money (exclusive of one necessary suit of Apparel) at any just & reasonable Valuation, nor have I since the Commencement of the Action, on which the judgment was obtained, by Virtue of which & the Execution thereon I am now detained

& held Prisoner, any way embezzled, distroyed, concealed or transferred any such Estate with a view of defrauding any of my Creditors, or changed the possession of the same for that purpose, or for any Advantage to myself, or any depending on me for support & subsistance, nor any way directly or indirectly done any thing like it, or with a view to accomplish such a design; and I also add, that I have not at any time with a view and design of injuring, defrauding or delaying payment of my just debts, done any of the matters & things herein before mentioned, by any ways or means whatsoever. so help me God. Which Oath shall be repeated by those who take it. And such Court or Justices, shall order the Clerk of the said Court to Notify the Creditor or Creditors, if in this State, or the Attorney who appeared in the Cause, or any Factor or Agent of such Creditor or Creditors, if not inhabiting in this State as aforesaid, that such Petition is then laying before the Court, or Justices, and when, and where, the said Oath is to be administered, giving reasonable time for the Parties attendance or the Attorney, Agent or Factor or the Plaintiff, having regard to the distance he or they are to travil; And the said Oath being duly administered, the Prisoner satisfying the prison-keeper for past charges, shall forthwith be dismissed from Prison, unless the Creditor, or Creditors, their respective Attorney, Factor or Agent, will engage to pay the prison-keeper the sum of Five shillings lawful Money per Week, to be paid weekly, or otherwise as may be agreed with the prison-keeper, towards the support of such prisoner, and in default of performance by the space of thirty days, after such payment becomes due, the Prison-keeper shall discharge the Prisoner. And if the Prison-keeper shall defraud the Prisoner, of any part of such allowance, upon complaint and proof thereof to the satisfaction of the respective Court, from whence such Execution issued, the Prison-keeper shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten pounds like Money for the use of the prisoner, for which sum the respective Courts are hereby Authorized, to issue Execution immediately, without farther process.

And be it further Enacted, that any person imprison'd for Debt or claim thereof, upon mean process, or Execution founded on any of the Actions aforesaid, shall be permitted & allowed to have a Chamber, and lodging in any Houses or Apartments, belonging to such Prison, and liberty of the Yard thereto belonging, in the Day time only, but not to pass without the limits of the Prison, which limits are hereby established, and restrained to be within one hundred and fifty Feet of the Walls of the prison, upon reasonable payment to be made to the Prison-keeper, for said Chamber, not exceeding one shilling per Week, such prisoner giving bond, to the Sheriff, with two sufficient sureties, being freeholders in the State, to be bound jointly & severally, in double the sum,

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN WENTWORTH OF DOVER IN THE
 COUNTY OF STRAFFORD & STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ESQ^t.
 TO SELL CERTAIN LANDS THEREIN MENTIONED.

[Passed June 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 132; recorded Acts, vol. 4,
 p. 443.]

Whereas the said John Wentworth hath petitioned the General Court; setting forth that his Father (lately deceased) had by his last wife (a Daughter of the late Colonel Wallingford) two Children now living who are interested in, & Owners in the Right of their late mother of one Thirteenth Part of certain Lands now laying in common and undivided, being part of the Estate of the said Wallingford—

That the said Children have been greatly injured in their property—the Taxes being very heavy, and many Trespasses having been committed thereon—that his said Father was authorized to sell the said Lands—but, that he died without having an Opportunity to execute his Intentions—and praying (as he was duly appointed to be Guardian of the said Children who were Minors under the Age of fourteen Years) that he might have leave to bring in a Bill to enable him to sell said Lands under such reasonable Restrictions & Regulations as to the General Court should seem meet—the Prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable, & no Objection having been Made thereto—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same, that the said John Wentworth be, and he hereby is fully authorized and empowered, (in his said Capacity of Guardian) to dispose at public or private Sale (as the Circumstances may best suit) of all Lands held in common and undivided as aforesaid, wherein the said Children are interested as afores^d & to make and execute a valid Conveyance thereof to the purchaser or purchasers—

Provided Nevertheless, that the said John Wentworth do (before he make Sale of any of the Lands aforesaid) give Bond in a reasonable Sum, with two good Sureties to the Judge of the Probate of Wills &c for the County of Strafford to account with the said Children when he shall be thereto lawfully required, for all Profits, Incomes & Emoluments which shall or may arise by Virtue of the Sale of any of the Lands before mentioned—otherwise the same Sales shall to all Intents & purposes be null and void.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALLOWING A FARTHER TIME TO THOSE PERSONS HOLDING LANDS WITHIN THIS STATE UNDER CHARTERS GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNORS, FOR RECORDING THE SAME.

[Passed June 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 133; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 425. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 292.]

Whereas many Persons holding Lands under Charters granted as afores^d (by various Circumstances) may have been deprived the benefit of recording their Charters within the times heretofore limited—and it appearing to be reasonable that a farther time should be allowed such persons for that purpose—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same, that the Term of nine Months from and after the passing of this Act be allowed to such persons who hold lands within this State under Charters granted as afores^d for recording the same—any Law to the contrary thereof notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO QUIET AND CONFIRM REUBEN WELLMAN IN THE TITLE AND POSSESSION OF CERTAIN LAND IN PACKERSFIELD.

[Passed June 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 134; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 445.]

Whereas Reuben Wellman of Packersfield in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Yeoman, hath petitioned the General Assembly setting forth That in the Month of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy three, he purchased a Lot of Land called N^o 51 in the Seventh Range in the North East Quarter of the Town of Packersfield, of Breed Batchellor Esq^r (now an Absentee) formerly of said Packersfield; That when the said Petitioner bought said land, he gave three notes for the money, One of Twenty Dollars, and two of Fifty Dollars Each and took a Bond for a deed, of said Batchelder, with

Condition, that the Petitioner should have a Deed of said Land when he should move on to it, and should pay One half of said purchase money, which was to be performed in the Space of One year That the said Conditions were fulfilled on the part of the Petitioner but said Batchelder refused to give him a Deed, tho' often requested, and that soon after, the Law ceased its Operation, and prevented the Petitioner from redress. Since which the said Petitioner's House was (by the Providence of God) consumed by Fire, on the 29th day of December 1778, which consumed the said Bond, as also the Household furniture. That since the said fire, another Man has Claimed the West part of said Lot, and sold it out of the Petitioner's hands, whereby he has been deprived of the greater part of his Improvements, and the most Valueable part of the Lot, and that since said Batchelder's Estate is forfeited, and confiscated by this State, and the Petitioner is in danger of losing the other half of said Land, upon which are his Buildings, and upon which he has bestowed much time and money. That the Petitioner has also had the whole of said purchase money Excepting Sixteen Dollars hard money. And the Petitioner prayd that a good Title may be granted him of the East half of said Lot. And the said Petition having been read and duly considered, And the Agent on said Batchelder's Estate having certified that he believes the Allegations of the said Petition to be true,

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, And it is hereby Enacted That from and immediately after the passing of this Act, the said Reuben shall stand seized of the said East half of the said Lot, to him the said Reuben his Heirs and Assigns for Ever as fully and absolutely to all Intents and purposes as tho' the said Breed Batchelder had made and Executed to him the said Reuben a good and sufficient Deed Of the said East half in Fee Simple.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT PASSED NOVEMBER THE TWENTY EIGHTH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED & EIGHTY ONE. INTITLED "AN ACT FOR PREVENTING THE "SUBJECTS OF HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INIMICAL TO THE UNITED STATES OF NORTH AMERICA "FROM PROSECUTING ACTIONS, SERVING AS JURORS, OR ACTING AS TOWN OFFICERS WITHIN THIS STATE"—

[Passed June 21, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 135; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 405. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 292. Repealed Jan. 3, 1784; id., p. 311.]

Whereas the oath and Affirmation in said act mentioned extended to, and were required of Plaintiffs who should bring forward an Action in any Court of Record, or before any Justice of the peace, grand & Petit Jurors, Taverners, & Retailers of Spirituous Liquors, and of Selectmen, Assessors, & other Town Officers only; which extention & Requirement have been found by Experince to be ineffectual for answering the good & Salutory purposes in and by said act intended; as many of the persons who claim priviledges as Inhabitants of this State may (the subjects of his Britannic Majesty & inimical to the united States) Vote at Town Meetings for persons to fill up the most important Offices, and thereby in a great measure defeat the ends by the said act designed.

For the purpose therefore of carrying the Intentions of said act into full effect.—Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same that from and after the first day of September next no person shall be allowed to vote in any Town, Parish, or District Meetings for any purpose whatever, or for any Military officer at any meeting for chusing such Officers (thence after to be holden) within this State unless he shall have previously taken the same oath or Affirmation in such manner as is in said act directed—

And be it further Enacted that every person who shall refuse to take the oath or Affirmation aforesaid in manner aforesaid directed, shall be utterly disqualified from voting at any of said meetings any Law of this State to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.—And be it further enacted that the several Town & Parish Clerks in the Respective Towns and Parishes be and they hereby are empowered in the absence of a Qualified Justice of the peace to Administer the before mentioned oath or Affirmation.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, FOR SETTING OFF DEBTS AND
MUTUAL DEMANDS.

[Passed June 27, 1782. Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 70.]

Whereas by an act made and passed in the fifth year of his majesty king George the third's reign, mutual debts and demands, may be set off against each other, either by being plead in bar, or offered in evidence as the case may require; but no provision is made, in case the defendant's demand shall exceed the plaintiff's.

For remedy whereof,

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives in general court convened, That when an offset, is plead in bar, or offered in evidence by the defendant against the plaintiff's demand, in any action, in which by said act an offset is allowed, if it is found by the jury, who shall try the cause, that there is a balance due to the defendant, judgment shall be rendered for the defendant, for such sum or balance, as they shall find due, and legal costs.

And be it further enacted, That when any offset, shall be plead as aforesaid, in any case triable by a justice of the peace, the justice shall in like manner render judgment and grant execution accordingly, for the balance he may find due to the defendant. Provided the balance so found, exceeds not his jurisdiction.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR THE ENCOURAGING OF THE TAKING UP AND
SECUREING DESERTERS FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LINE OF
THE CONTINENTAL ARMY : AND FOR PUNISHING THOSE PER-
SONS WHO HARBOR OR SECRETE THEM, KNOWING THEM TO
BE SUCH.

[Passed June 27, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 136; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 414. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 294. See act of April 12, 1777. One clause of this act is repealed by the act of Feb. 28, 1783. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas some Soldiers who have inlisted themselves into the New Hampshire Line of the Continental Army, being regardless

of the solemn Oaths they have taken, the interest of their Country and every tie by which they are held faithfully to serve therein, do notwithstanding desert therefrom and secrete themselves within the limits of this, or some one of the other United States of America—

And Whereas many persons inhabiting this State, do, to the great prejudice of the public good, harbor such deserters, and are aiding & assisting them in secreting themselves, & in preventing their being apprehended & returned to their duty in the Army.

Therefore Be it Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives in general Assembly convened that from and after the passing this Act, whosoever shall apprehend and secure any Deserter from the Continental Line of this State's troops; and Produce to the executive Authority of this State, a certificate from any Goal-keeper, or Officer belonging to the Continental Army, of his having apprehended and deliver'd into his custody, any such deserter as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive from the Honourable the President of the State for the time being, an order on the Treasury for the sum of twelve pounds L. Money, for each, & every Deserter, so certified, to be by him taken up and delivered into custody as aforesaid, which sum of twelve pounds L. Money, shall be charged to the Soldier so apprehended, & deducted from his wages.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that from and after the passing this Act, whosoever shall harbor or secrete any Deserter as aforesaid, or be concerned therein, knowing him to be such; or who shall rescue him when apprehended, or Assist him in making his escape from any person attempting to apprehend him, shall upon due conviction thereof, before any Court proper to try the said offence; forfeit and pay the sum of twenty four pounds lawfull Money, the one Moiety thereof, to the use & benefit of this State, to be applyed to the purpose of hiring Soldiers; and the other Moiety thereof, to the Use and benefit of the person who shall prosecute and sue for the same: the said forfeiture to be recovered by Action of Debt, Bill, Complaint or information before any Court proper to try the same.

[CHAPTER 8.]

State of
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT, TO ENCOURAGE THE TAKING UP AND SECUREING ALL SUCH BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR TAKEN FROM THE ENEMY WHO HAVE ESCAPED OR SHALL HEREAFTER ESCAPE FROM THE PLACES OF THEIR CONFINEMENT AND FOR PUNISHING THOSE PERSONS WHO ARE AIDING OR ASSISTING THEM THEREIN.

[Passed June 27, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 137; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 437. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 293. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the United States in Congress Assembled in a Resolution passed on the thirtieth of March seventeen hundred & eighty two, have recommended to the States respectively to pass Laws giving a reward, as in the said Resolution pointed out, for the apprehending and secureing any prisoner of War taken from the Enemy, & who hath escaped from the place of his confinement, and for punishing those persons who are aiding & Assisting them therein.

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, that from and after the passing this Act, whosoever shall apprehend and secure any British Prisoner of War who hath escaped or shall hereafter escape as aforesaid, and shall produce a Certificate from any Commissary of Prisoners or from the keeper of any Goal within this State, to the Executive Authority thereof, of his having apprehended and delivered into custody any of the Prisoners aforesaid, shall be entitled to have and receive out of the Treasury of this State by an Order from the President the sum of two pounds eight shillings lawful Money as a reward for each & every Prisoner so certified, to be by him so taken up and delivered into custody; and one eighth of a Dollar per Mile for traviling expenses to the said Goal or Commissary of prisoners, and five Ninetieths of a Dollar per day for subsistance of each prisoner while confined.—Provided nevertheless that the person so apprehending such prisoner or prisoners shall make Oath to his Accompt for travil & subsistance as aforesaid.

And Be it further Enacted, by the Authority aforesaid, that whosoever shall harbor or secrete any such prisoner as aforesaid, knowing him to be such or assist, abet or Comfort him in making his escape from the place of his confinement, and shall be thereof convicted shall forfeit and pay the sum of five pounds the one

Moiety thereof to the use and benifit of this State and the other
Moiety thereof to the use and benifit of the person who shall
prosecute & sue for the same, said forfeiture to be recovered in
any Court of Law by Action of Debt, Bill, Plaint or information—

State of
New Hamp^r } In Council June 18th 1782—

Resolved that the Receiver General of Rum be directed to pay into
the Treasury of this State what money he may receive for the defi-
ciency of Rum : and that the Committee of Safety be directed to
cause the Rum now on Hand belonging to this State to be delivered
to the Continental Officer appointed for that purpose or dispose thereof
for cash as soon as may be and pay the Same into the Treasury of
this State—

In House of Representatives June 20th 1782. The foregoing Resolve
was read & Concurred—

In the House of Representatives June 21st 1782—

Resolved that although this State Suppose they have a just title to
the territory called Vermont which has been long controverted between
this State and the State of New York—Nevertheless for the Sake of
peace and a good harmony with said state of New York and to accom-
odate the said Inhabitants east of the said heighth of Land, this
State is willing to extend their Jurisdiction over that part of the
Territory called Vermont that lays East of the said heighth of Land,
provided the generality of the Inhabitants thereof shall desire it—Pro-
vided also that New York will settle a Boundary line upon the said
height of Land—And also that in such case this state will do what-
ever may be found needful & reasonable to be done towards estab-
lishing the proceedings of said District under the authority of Ver-
mont, and also will afford them such protection against the com-
mon Enemy as the nature of the case will admit, and that the Presi-
dent be desired to inform the State of New York of our proceedings
herein and desire their Sentiments respecting the Same—

Council concurred same day.

[*Fourth Session, Held at Concord, September 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO EMPOWER JONATHAN DEMERIT OF MADBURY TO
SELL CERTAIN LANDS OF JEREMIAH DEMERIT HIS WARD.

[Passed Sept. 14, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 138; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 417.]

Whereas Jonathan Demerit of Madbury in the County of Strafford Yeoman hath Petitioned the General Court Setting forth that his father Ebenezer Demerit late of said Madbury Gentleman deceased Testate, by his last will & Testament devised unto Jeremiah Demerit one of his Children (now a Minor) Seven Several pieces of uncultivated Land in the Towns of Rochester and Barrington in said County, neither of which peices of Land is Suitable or fit to make a Settlement on. That he is Guardian for said Minor, & finds himself unable to advance Money to pay the Taxes laid on the said Lands of his Ward, & of course the same will be sold for Taxes. And that he conceived it would be to the advantage of his Ward to have the Land Sold & the Money Arising from the Sale thereof Secured for his use when he comes of age.

Wherefore he prayed that an Act of the General Assembly might be passed to enable him to sell & give Valid conveyances of the whole or part of the said Lands of his Ward, on his giving such Caution to Account with his said Ward as the s^d Court should deem Necessary. The principal facts in said Petition appearing true, and the prayer thereof reasonable, Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same, it is hereby enacted that the said Jonathan Demerit shall have full power from time to time to sell and dispose of the Lands Aforesaid. And the said Jonathan Demerit is hereby fully impowered to make & execute any Deed or Deeds of any part, or the whole of said Lands, which being done in due form of Law, shall convey & Secure to the purchaser, or purchasers, all the right of the said Jeremiah of & in the lands so Sold.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Jonathan Demerit before he makes sale of any of the premises aforesaid shall give Bond With two Sufficient Sureties in a Respectable sum to the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford, Conditioned faithfully and honestly to Account with his said

Ward when he arrives at full age (or his heirs in case he should die) for the proceeds of all Lands he shall Sell by virtue of this Act.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ANNEX THE TOWNS OF NEW HOLDERNESS & CAMPTON TO THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON.

[Passed Sept. 14, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 139; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 452. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 155; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 52.]

Whereas the inhabitants of New holderness and Campton in the County of Strafford have petitioned the General Assembly setting forth that they are situated adjoining to the town of Plymouth wherein courts are held for the county of Grafton and about sixty miles from Dover where the courts are held for the county of Strafford and therefore praying to be annexed to the said county of Grafton which appears reasonable

Be it Therefore enacted by the council & house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that the said two towns of New holderness and Campton shall be and they hereby are severed from the County of Strafford and annexed to the county of Grafton And that the same two towns of New holderness & Campton shall henceforth to all intents and purposes be esteemed as part & parcell of said county of Grafton. Provided that this act shall not prevent the levying collecting and paying of any county taxes already ordered by the Justices of either of said countys but the same shall be levied collected and paid in the same manner as if this act had not been made.

[*Fifth Session, Held at Exeter, November 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ASCERTAIN THE SOUTHERLY LINE OF THE TOWN OF LONDONDERRY AND THE NOTHERLY LINE OF THE PARISH OF WINDHAM

[Passed Nov. 22, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 140; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 447.]

Whereas the Selectmen of the Town of Londonderry have Petitioned the General Assembly of this State setting forth that by an Act of the General Court of the Province of New Hampshire passed the 12th of February 1741-2 a certain district was set off from the South side of said Londonderry and incorporated into a Parish by the Name of Windham limited by certain metes and boundaries, viz^t beginning at the House of John Hopkins and thence running Eastward and Westward as appears by said Act, and that it was generally supposed by the Inhabitants living near the line that the Easterly line would strike a certain internal Angle of said Londonderry, as seemed to have been the intention of said Act, but upon running the Easterly line it was found to leave the said Angle a little to the Southward, by which means a strip of Land one Mile and three quarters long, and about fifty five Rods wide is included in said Windham, and that some of the owners of Land in said Strip were taxed in said Windham for the same who had always been taxed as belonging to said Londonderry, which the Petitioners considered as a grievance—And praying that the said Easterly line should be continued no further than till it come opposite to said Angle—And whereas doubts have arisen concerning the true intent and meaning of the Act of incorporation of said Windham, and the Selectmen of said Windham having been duly notified, the parties fully heard on the Subject matter of said Petition, and on mature deliberation the prayer thereof appearing reasonable—Therefore for settling all disputes between said Londonderry and said Windham concerning said line—

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the authority of the same, that the line running East from the House of John Hopkins as mentioned in said Petition shall extend so far as that a right line from said internal Angle of said Londonderry shall intersect said

line, and from thence to said internal Angle, and that the said Easterly line so extending shall forever hereafter be the true dividing line between said Londonderry and said Windham—And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid that the strip of Land mentioned in said Petition, being about one Mile and three quarters long & about fifty five Rods wide shall forever hereafter be considered as part and parcel of said Londonderry as fully and effectually as though the Charter of said Windham had never been granted—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE & IMPOWER JOHN STEARNS OF WATERTOWN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TO SELL & CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS SITUATE IN THE PARISHES OF DEERFIELD & NORTHWOOD IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NOTTINGHAM, BELONGING TO HIS CHILDREN—

[Passed Nov. 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 141; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 449.]

Whereas the said Stearns has petitioned the General Court representing that his Children are in Right of their late Mother, who was the Daughter of Joseph Harrington late of said Watertown deceased, Seized of about one hundred and Sixteen Acres of Land, being an undivided fourth part of the Lots numbered Fifteen in the fourth Range, Fifteen in the eighth Range & Nine in the Eighth Range of Lots in said Township, the former in said Deerfield the two latter in said Northwood That the expence of Dividing Fencing & paying the Taxes on the same would amount to the Value thereof as it lays in so many pieces—that to the owner of the other three fourths of Said Lots, it wou'd be of some value, who stands ready to purchase the said fourth And therefore praying that he may be authorized to dispose of the same, as the most probable means by which his said Children may be benefitted by it which appearing reasonable—Therefore

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in General Assembly convened & by the Authority of the same— That the said John Stearns be & he hereby is Authorized & impowered to sell the said fourth part of the said Lots, & to make & execute good Deed or Deeds of all the right & Estate of his said Children of in & unto the same, & that such Deed or Deeds duly executed & recorded, shall convey to the purchaser or purchasers

all such Right & Estate—Provided the said John Stearns first take the Guardianship of said Children in the County of Rockingham according to Law—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED ALEXANDRIA IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON, AND TO ENABLE SAID TOWN TO ASSESS AND COLLECT MONEY ON RESIDENTS & LANDS OF NON RESIDENT PROPRIETORS OF SAID TOWN TO MAKE A CERTAIN ROAD THROUGH THE SAME.

[Passed Nov. 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 142; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 450.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court by the Inhabitants of a tract of land called Alexandria in the County of Grafton, setting forth that they labour under great inconveniences for want of an incorporation, and praying that they may be incorporated. And also that the Inhabitants of Cockermouth had petitioned the General Court praying that said Alexandria might be compelled to make a good Waggon Road through the same, being about Seven miles in distance. That the Inhabitants of said Alexandria were few in number, very poor and unable to Support the Burthen of Making said Road, Wherefore they prayed that as soon as they should be incorporated that the Selectmen or a Committee of said Alexandria might be directed to lay out said Road petitioned for by Cockermouth & make the same passable agreeable to said Petition, and be empowered to assess the same on Residents and lands of non-Residents in the same manner as the State and Continental Taxes are now Assessed. Of all which publick notice hath been given and no Objection made And the same appearing reasonable. Therefore be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that there be, and hereby is a Township erected and Incorporated by the name of Alexandria containing all the lands contained in the first or Original grant thereof. And the Inhabitants of said Tract are hereby erected into a Body politic and Corporate to have Succession & Continuance forever, and invested with all the powers and enfranchised with all the rights privileges and Immunities which any town in this State holds and enjoys, to hold to said Inhabitants and their Successors forever. And Joshua Tolford Esq^r is hereby author-

ized to call a Meeting of said Inhabitants to chuse Necessary and Customary Town Officers, giving fourteen days notice of the time place and design of such Meeting. And the Officers then Chosen shall hereby be invested with all the powers of such Officers in any Town in this State, and every other Meeting which shall be Annually held in said Town for that purpose shall be on the first Monday in March forever.--

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Selectmen of said Alexandria (for the time being) chosen in consequence of the foregoing incorporation be, and they hereby are directed and empowered to lay out the said Road and make the same passable according to the Petition of said Cockermouth. And the reasonable expences for doing the same they are to Assess, and collect on the Residents and lands of Non Residents in the same Manner as the state & continental Taxes are now assessed and collected.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST TO ERECT A NEW PARISH IN THE SOUTH WEST PART OF THE TOWN OF AMHERST FOR TRANSACTING MINISTERIAL AFFAIRS ONLY.

[Passed Nov. 23, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 143; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 426. See act of June 21, 1792.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of the South west part of Amherst herein after named, have petitioned the General Assembly, among other things setting forth, that their Local Situation renders it impracticable for some of them and many of their Children to give a General attendance at the stated place of publick worship in Amherst, that they conceive they might be well spared, there being now about Three hundred rateable polls taxed to their present minister, And Therefore praying to be severed from the Society that Attend Publick worship in the Rev^d M^r Barnard's Meeting house in said Amherst, and to be discharged from any future Taxes for the erecting, or repairing a Meeting house there, or for the Support of their present, or future Minister; And to be erected into a distinct Poll Parish, with power to Assess, levy, and Collect taxes for building a Meeting house, and for the Settlement and Support of a Minister and to be invested with all Parochial priviledges and immunities proper for a Poll Parish—

Upon which petition the Agent of the said Town, having been heard ; and the prayer appearing reasonable.—

Therefore Be it Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the same That the Petitioners above referred to Viz^t Nathan Hutchinson, Andrew Bradford, Josiah Crosby, Samson Crosby, James Gilman, Thomas Burns, Isaac Abbott, Elisha Hutchinson, Benjamin Hutchinson, Josiah Crosby jun^r, John Wallace Stephen Crosby, Augustus Blanchard, John Burns, William Crosby, John Bradford, Thaddens Grimes, Israel Burnam, John Grimes, Nathan Hutchinson jun^r, Bartholomew Hutchinson, David Burnam, Arthur Graham, Samuel Graham, William Wallace, Ebenzer Averill, Moses Averill, Joshua Burnam, Stephen Burnam, Jonathan Hutchinson, Abner Hutchinson William Peabody, Elijah Averill, Ebenezer Hopkins, Jonathan Grimes, George Burns, William Grimes, Darius Abbott, Samuel Howe, Jonathan Towne, Henry Codman, William Mellendy, Samuel Dodge, Bartholomew Towne, Benjamin Hopkins jun^r, Benjamin Conant, and Benjamin Hopkins the third, shall be and they are hereby separated, Exonerated and discharged from paying any taxes and Charges towards the Support of the Gospel ministry, and Publick worship of said Town of Amherst, from and after the day of the date hereof (Excepting) in the Parish hereby erected, together with all the Polls belonging to their respective families, and all the Estates which they do now, or shall hereafter own, being in said Town, And That the said persons Polls and Estates, shall be & they are hereby erected and incorporated into a New Parish, and invested with the usual privileges and Authorities of a Parish separate and distinct from the other parts of said Town— And the parishioners of the said New Parish are hereby Enabled and Authorized to raise money as there shall be Occasion on the polls & Estates thereto belonging for the Maintainance of the Minister of the Gospel, and repairs of their meeting house, when Necessary And the Support of the Publick worship amongst themselves, And to Assess all Necessary taxes on the said polls and Estates for that end and to levy and collect the same, in the same manner that Town Taxes and rates are by Law to be Levied and Collected, and for that purpose to chuse any number of suitable persons belonging to the said parish, some time in the month of March Annually for Assessors and Collectors thereof, who shall have the same power to Levy and Collect such Taxes, and in default of the due discharge of said Office ; be Subject to the same Pains & penalties as the Constables of Towns within this State are Liable to by law ; and Also to chuse any other persons to such offices and trusts as the said Parishioners shall Judge proper, and they are hereby Authorized to Act Accordingly.—And be it Further Enacted that any Minor Children of the said Parishioners,

and Also any persons who may hereafter come and Settle in the said Town and inlhabit the same, and their Minor Children, who shall in time to come, be desirous of belonging to the said New Parish shall within three Months next after their removal into the Town also all Male persons belonging to said Town in future within three Months after they arrive to Twenty one years of Age shall Manifest their desire in writing to the Town Clerk that they incline to be Joined to the said poll parish, and have the same entered, such future Setlers and Minors shall be intituled to every priviledge in this Act together with the said petitioners, otherwise to be precluded therefrom.

And the said parishioners of the said New parish are hereby Authorized to Meet and chuse all such officers as aforesaid for the Service of the said Parish for the Current year, and untill their Next Meeting to be held on the Second Tuesday of January Next, And Augustus Blanchard is hereby Authorized to Call the same. And that their Annual Meeting shall forever Thereafter be held on the first Tuesday in March

Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act shall be construed to Exempt any of the said petitioners their polls or Estates from paying their Just proportion of all Ministerial Charges Already Arisen in said Town of Amherst, nor from the future Support of the Reverend M^r Daniel Wilkins the late Minister of said Town and now Living ; According to Contract.—

In the House of Representatives November 20th 1782.

Resolved that the Treasurer of this State be and he hereby is ordered to Issue Extents against all those Towns and places in this State who are delinquent in paying their State Tax for any year prior to the year 1782 and that for any or all of said Taxes (excepting only the Rum Tax, the Specie Tax and the Tax for one hundred thousand Dollars in Bills of the New Emission for 1781.) the Delinquent towns have full liberty to pay into the Treasury public Securities of this State agreeable to the scale of Depreciation or Bills of the New Emission emitted by said State—Allowing three new Emission Dollars equal to one Specie Dollar, and the aforesaid Taxes shall be liquidated agreeable to the Scale of Depreciation—Provided that the said delinquent do allow and pay to the Treasurer lawful Interest on the Sums that shall be found due as aforesaid from them respectively from the time such Sums became due to the time of payment—

Council concurred November 22, 1782.

In the House of Representatives November 22^d 1782

Whereas it is most earnestly requested by his Excellency Gen^l Washington for this State immediately to compleat their Battalions into Continental line—

Therefore Resolved that the time for the Several delinquent Towns and places within this State for raising their Several quota's of men agreeable to an Act for that purpose passed March 21st 1782, be and hereby is lengthned to the first day of January 1783 and the said delinquent Towns are hereby earnestly requested to compleat their respective Quota's and cause them immediately to be mustered by the Muster Masters to be appointed for that purpose, or to satisfy the Executions against them respectively for that purpose by paying the money on or before the first day of January next that thereby the State may be enabled otherways to raise said men And it is further Resolved that the Several Sherriffs in this State be hereby ordered & directed to make return of the Several Executions now in their Hands against the delinquent Towns in this State for their noncompliance with the aforesaid act on or before the first day of February 1783—

Council concurred November 23, 1782.

[EIGHTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Portsmouth, Exeter and Concord, Four Sessions, December 18, 1782, to November 8, 1783.*]

[OFFICERS OF THE GOVERNMENT.]

MESHECH WEARE, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL.

EBENEZER THOMPSON, SECRETARY.

NICHOLAS GILMAN, TREASURER.

Died April 7, 1783.

JOHN TAYLOR GILMAN,

Appointed June 12, 1783.

JOHN DUDLEY, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

JOHN SMITH, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

[MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.]

Meshech Weare,	Hampton Falls.
Josiah Bartlett,	Kingston.
Nicholas Gilman,	Exeter.
John McClary,	Epsom.
Woodbury Langdon	Portsmouth.
George Frost,	Durham.
John Wentworth,	Somersworth.
Benjamin Bellows,	Walpole.
Thomas Sparhawk,	Walpole.
Jacob Abbott,	Wilton.
Timothy Farrar,	New Ipswich.
Francis Worcester,	Plymouth.

[MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE.]

Rockingham County.

Atkinson etc.,	Nathaniel Peabody.
Brentwood,	Samuel Dudley.
Canterbury, etc.,	Abiel Foster.
Chester,	Jacob Chase.
	William White.
Deerfield and }	Jeremiah Eastman.
Northwood, }	
Exeter,	Nathaniel Folsom.
	Joseph Cram.
Greenland,	William Weeks.
Hampstead,	John Calfe.

Hampton,	Joseph Dow.
Hampton Falls, etc.,	Samuel Weare.
Kensington,	Moses Shaw, Jr.
Kingston, etc.,	John Eastman.
Londonderry,	Daniel Reynolds.
	Archibald McMurphy.
Newington,	Ephraim Pickering.
Newton, etc.,	Robert Stuart.
North Hampton,	Moses Leavitt.
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett.
Pelham,	Jacob Butler.
Pembroke,	Richard Bartlett.
Portsmouth,	George Atkinson.
	George Gains.
	John Pickering.
Raymond, etc.,	John Dudley.
Rye,	Nathan Goss.
Salem,	John Allen.
Sandown, etc.,	Reuben Clough.
Stratham,	Mark Wiggin.
Windham,	James Betton.

Strafford County.

Barrington,	John Garland.
Campton, etc.,	Moses Baker.
Dover,	Caleb Hodgdon.
	John Waldron.
Durham,	John Smith.
Gilmanton,	Joseph Badger.
Lee,	James Brackett.
Madbury, etc.,	Daniel Meserve.
Meredith, etc.,	Ebenezer Smith.
New Durham Gore, etc.,	Eleazer Davis.
Rochester,	John McDuffee.
Somersworth,	Moses Carr.
Wakefield, etc.,	David Copp.

Hillsborough County.

Amherst,	Moses Nichols.
Antrim, etc.,	John Duncan.
Bedford, etc.,	John Orr.
Boscawen,	Henry Gerrish.
Dunbarton, etc.,	John Hogg.
Dunstable,	Jonathan Blanchard.
Francestown, etc.,	David Lewis.

Goffstown,
Henniker, etc.,
Hollis,
Hopkinton,
Litchfield,
Lyndeborough,
New Ipswich,
Nottingham West,
Raby, etc.,
Salisbury,
Stoddard, etc.,
Temple, etc.,
Weare,
Wilton,

Robert McGregore.
Robert Wallace.
Richard C. Shannon.
Jonathan Chase.
Wyseman Claggett.
Levi Spaulding.
John Preston.
Samuel Marsh.
Waldron Stone.
Jonathan Cram.
Jacob Copeland.
Francis Blood.
Samuel Philbrick.
Philip Putman.

Cheshire County.

Charlestown,
Cornish,

Keene,
Packersfield, etc.,
Rindge, etc.,
Surry, etc.,
Swanzey, etc.

John Hubbard.
Abel Stevens.
Dudley Chase.
Daniel Kingsbury.
William Barker.
Francis Towue.
Lemuel Holmes.
Elisha Whitcomb.

Grafton County.

Canaan, etc.,
Dartmouth, etc.,
Haverhill,
Lyme, etc.,
New Chester, etc.,
Warren, etc.,

Thomas Baldwin.
Joseph Whipple.
Moses Dow.
Ebenezer Green.
Carr Huse.
Obadiah Clement.

[*First Session, Held at Portsmouth, December 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 1782.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR DISSOLVING THE BOND OF MATRIMONY BETWEEN
ROBERT WHIPPLE AND EUNICE HIS WIFE.

[Passed Dec. 28, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 145; recorded Acts, vol. 4 p. 458.]

Whereas Robert Whipple of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid Mariner hath petitioned the General Assembly of this State, setting forth, that, he was married to Eunice Pike about ten years past—that on the fourth day of August 1780 he sailed from Portsmouth aforesaid to the West Indies and on his return from thence was taken carried to England and there detained prisoner almost two year; that on his return home, he found to his astonishment, that during his absence, his said wife had notoriously violated the nuptial ties and had been delivered of an illegitimate child which is yet alive. Wherefore he prayed that the bond of matrimony between him and the said Eunice might be dissolved and declared void. After due notice given the said Eunice, and consideration of the evidence to support the facts alledged in said petition, it appears that the s^d Eunice by her own confession and testimony has grossly violated the nuptial Ties, Therefore Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened that the said Robert Whipple be and hereby is divorced from the said Eunice and that the bond of Matrimony between them be and hereby is declared null and void—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE NORTH AND SOUTH PARISHES IN
 PORTSMOUTH TO ASSESS THEIR PAROCHIAL CHARGES ON THE
 PEWS IN THE MEETING-HOUSES BELONGING TO SAID PARISHES
 AND TO DIRECT IN WHAT MODE Y^e SAME SHALL BE COLLECTED.

[Passed Dec. 28, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 146; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 453.]

Whereas the Wardens of said parishes have petitioned the General Assembly, setting forth, that there being no lines of the parishes aforesaid, the parishioners of the respective parishes could not be ascertained without great difficulty and trouble & when ascertained & taxed to the parochial charges—the collection thereof could not be made, many of the parishioners being absent at sea and elsewhere. The arrearages so incurred & increased from year to year either remained unpaid or are paid by those who had before paid their quota. That the difficulties & burdens aforesaid would in great measure be removed, & the collection of the taxes facilitated, were the parishioners of each parish impowered to assess and lay such parochial taxes on the pews in the meeting houses belonging to said parishes, or on the pews polls and estates of the parishioners, as might be found most convenient & equitable & were the Collectors of such taxes also impowered to sell the pews of delinquent owners, at public vendue for the non payment of their taxes with incidental charges, returning the overplus money, if any there be, to the owner. Wherefore they prayed that the parishioners of said respective parishes might be impowered to assess, lay levy and collect such parochial taxes in manner aforementioned. The prayer of which petition appearing to be reasonable. Therefore Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, that it shall and may be lawful for the Wardens of the respective parishes aforesaid, for the time being, to assess and lay such parochial taxes on the pews in the meeting house belonging to the parish of which they are or may be appointed Wardens or on the pews polls and estates of the parishioners, as the parishioners of the respective parishes may from time to time judge most expedient and equitable.—

And Be it further enacted that if any owner or owners of any pew or pews in said Meeting Houses shall neglect or refuse to pay the taxes thereon assessed and laid by virtue of this act, within the time set in the Collectors Warrants for the payment thereof,

the Collectors of each parish afores^d for the time being, shall be and hereby are, severally impowered and directed to advertize in the New Hampshire Gazette, three weeks sccessively, the amount of the tax or taxes assessed on such pew or pews with the time & place of y^e intended sale thereof, after which it shall & may be lawful for said Collectors respectively to proceed and sell the pew or pews of any such delinquent owner or owners at public vendue for the payment of the taxes assessed & laid thereon as this act directs, returning the overplus money to the owner or owners of the pew or pews so sold, when he or they may be found, otherwise to the Wardens for the time being of the parish where the tax was made, to remain in their hands for the use of the person or persons to whom the money belongs :

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SARAH THOMAS & EBENEZER STORER TO
SELL AND DISPOSE OF CERTAIN LANDS SITUATE WITHIN THIS
STATE.

[Passed Dec. 28, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 147; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 456.]

Whereas Sarah Thomas of Marshfield in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts hath petitioned the General Assembly, representing, that her husband—Nathaniel R. Thomas left this country & went to England, that She had remained ever since with her large family of children at said Marshfield; that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts had treated her in every respect as a widow in allowing her a third part of her husband's estate &c which she found very inadequate to the support of herself and family &c that she was in very dependent circumstances; That there were lying in Rochester in the State of New Hampshire, two Lots of Land formerly belonging to the estate of Dr. Thomas Packer of Portsmouth and were on division of his estate set off to his daughter Elizabeth, then wife of Henry Dering of Boston, who was the mother of the said Sarah, that she never disposed of said lands, that the said Elizabeth died leaving two sons and four daughters, the said Sarah being one of said children, was by the law of this State, heir to one seventh part of said lands, which she held in her own right and which in its situation being unimproved was of little value and the taxes dayly increasing on it. Wherefore she prayed that her case might be considered and She be enabled to dispose of her part of said land for the support of herself and family.—

And also whereas Ebenezer Storer of Boston, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts one of the Executors of the last Will & Testament of Mary Gooch late of said Marshfield deceas'd and Mary Thomas a Minor residuary Legatee in said Will petitioned the General Assembly, representing that two lots of land in Rochester aforesaid formerly belonging to the estate of Dr Thomas Packer late of said Portsmouth were on a division of his estate, set off to his daughter Elizabeth the wife of the said Dering, that as She never alienated said land, it fell at her decease to her two sons and four daughters aforesaid; and that the said Mary owned as heir to the said Elizabeth one seventh part of said last mentioned land, which seventh part the said Mary devised to the said Mary Thomas, that the said land was unimproved and the taxes laid thereon increasing. Wherefore they prayed that the said Ebenezer Storer as Executor aforesaid might be allowed to dispose of the said seventh part for the benefit of the said Mary Thomas being a Minor. Which petition being read and considered and the prayers thereof appearing reasonable,

Therefore Be it & it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That the said Sarah Thomas be and hereby is fully authorized and impowered (notwithstanding her coverture) to sell and convey in fee all her right and interest in and to said lands for the purpose aforementioned, and make and execute any deed or deeds thereof accordingly, and thereby secure to the purchaser or purchasers her interest therein. And Be it further enacted that the said Ebenezer Storer as Executor aforesaid be and hereby is fully impowered and authorized to sell and convey the said seventh part of said lands belonging to the said Mary Thomas and to make and execute any deed or deeds thereof, for that purpose, and thereby secure to the purchaser or purchasers the right of the said Mary Thomas to said lands: And that the said Storer give bond to the Judge of Probate &c for the County of Strafford, in said State, to account with the said Judge or Minor for the proceeds of her said seventh part and for the faithful discharge of his trust.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITULED "AN ACT FOR GRANTING AN EXCISE ON SEVERAL SORTS OF LIQUORS FOR THE USE OF THIS STATE."

[Passed Dec. 28, 1782. Original Acts, vol. 8, p. 148; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 459. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 297; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 147. The act referred to is dated Sept. 1, 1781. Partially repealed by act of Jan. 28, 1791. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the said Act is found to be, in many respects, insufficient for the purposes for which it was framed.—

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General-Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the same that from, and after the first day of March next, all Taverners, Innholders, & Retailers, within this State, for all such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other distilled spirits as they shall sell by retail, shall pay the following Excise, viz^t Every Tavern-keeper, or Innholder, instead of three pence per Gallon as mentioned in said Act, shall pay six pence per Gallon for all such Wine, Rum, Brandy, or other distilled spirits: And every Retailer, instead of two pence per Gallon, as mentioned in said Act, shall pay four pence per Gallon on all such liquors by him so sold or retailed, to be accounted for, and paid in the same manner as mentioned in the Act aforesaid—

And be it further enacted that the said Excise shall be annually, to wit, on or before the first day of February, sold at Public Vendue to the highest bidder, the excise for each County to be sold seperately and the said Sale to be notified in the public prints, three weeks successively previous thereto.

And be it further enacted that there be a Committee in each County within this State for the purpose of notifying and selling as aforesaid, the Excise for the current year, said Committees to be as follows, viz^t General Nathaniel Folsom, M^r Ephraim Robinson, & M^r Noah Emery Jun^r for the County of Rockingham—The Hon^{ble} John Wentworth Esq^r, Col^o John M^c Duffee & John Plummer Esq^r for the County of Strafford—General Moses Nichols, Francis Blood Esq^r & Richard Cutts Shannon Esq^r for the County of Hillsborough—Col^o Samuel Hunt, M^r Daniel Kingsbury and Cap^t Josiah Richardson for the County of Cheshire, and Col^o Charles Johnston, Moses Dow Esq^r & James Woodward Esq^r for the County of Grafton The said Committees respectively to take Bonds with good sureties from the several purchasers for the sums

for which they are respectively indebted to the Treasurer of said State for the time being in his said capacity, and immediately to return them into the said Treasurer's office.—

Provided always nevertheless, that nothing in this Act shall be construed to repeal any part, or clause in the Act herein referred to, such parts only excepted as are repugnant hereto, or expressly repealed hereby.—

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, February 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28; March 1, 1783.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE THE GUARDIANS OF MEHITABLE TREADWELL TO CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS OF THEIR SAID WARD, SITUATE IN THE TOWNS OF WILTON, AND TEMPLE, IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH TO JACOB ABBOTT AND FRANCIS BLOOD ESQRS

[Passed Feb. 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 1; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 472.]

Whereas Francis Blood of Temple & Jacob Abbott of Wilton both in the County of Hillsborough Esq^{rs} have petitioned the General Court representing, that the said Francis on the 12th day of November 1778 purchased as appears by Deed of that date of William E Treadwell and Mehitable Odiorne both of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham one Eighth part of a Right of Land lying and being in Temple aforesaid, which right of land was drawn to Jotham Odiorne Esq^r late of Portsmouth aforesaid deceased, and was contained in the Lots N^o four in the first Range, Ten in the Seventh Range, and one in the Tenth Range, which premises were then held by the said Mehitable Odiorne for her life as part of her right of Dower in the Estate of the said Jotham Odiorne Esq^r deceased. And by the said William in the right of Mehitable his wife who then owned the reversion of said Lands in fee. And the said Jacob Abbott on the 9th day of October A D 1778 purchased of the said William E Treadwell and Mehitable Odiorne as appears by Deed of the last mentioned date one Eighth part of the Lots Numbered Twelve in the first, Third and fourth Ranges in Wilton aforesaid, which Lots contain the right of Land originally drawn to the right of Jotham Odiorne Esq^r and at the time of the afores^d purchase were held and owned

by the said William E Treadwell and Mehitable Odiorne in the same manner as the land before mentioned as sold to the said Francis Blood. That they had paid the sums mentioned in each of their Deeds, and that the same was applied for the payment of the Taxes on the other un-improved land owned by the said Mehitable Odiorne and William E Treadwell as aforesaid, and for the support of the wife of the said William E Treadwell. And as the wife of the said William was then Non Compos Mentis she did not Join in the conveyances aforesaid: For want of which they now find their Title to said Lands imperfect. And as the wife of the said William still remains insane, and is now under the Guardianship of Samuel Penhallow & Ammi Ruhamah Cutter both of said Portsmouth Esq^{rs}, and as the Mother & other Relations of the said Ward are willing that the Title of said Lands should be confirmed to them. Wherefore they prayed that the said Guardians might be empowered to grant & Confirm the right thereof which now belongs to their said Ward by a Good and Valid Deed executed by them in behalf of said Ward—And the said Guardians having Signified in writing under their hands that they had no Objection to the prayer of said Petition being granted, and the same appearing reasonable—Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council & house of Representatives in General Assembly conven^d & by the Authority of y^e Same it is hereby enacted that the said Samuel Penhallow & Ammi Ruhamah Cutter Esq^{rs} as Guardians of the said Mehitable Treadwell are hereby Authorized & Impowered to convey & confirm all the right of their said Ward to the Lands beforementioned to the said Francis Blood & Jacob Abbott respectively. And Deeds made and executed in due form of Law by said Guardians in their said Capacity shall convey to them the said Francis Blood & Jacob Abbott their heirs and Assigns all the right & title of the said Mehitable Treadwell to said Premises as fully to all intents and purposes as if the said Mehitable had been of sound mind & Joined with her said Husband in the former Sale.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IMPOWERING ASAHIEL SMITH TO KEEP A FERRY, OVER A CERTAIN PART OF MERRIMACK RIVER.

[Passed Feb. 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 2; recorded Acts, vol. 4 p. 471.]

Whereas the said Smith hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth he lives in Derrifield about two miles down the River

Merrimack, from Abraham Merrel's ferry, and about the same distance from Col^o Goffe's, and nearly in a straight line between the Meeting houses of said Derrif^d and Bedford, and in a very direct course for those on the Westerly side of said River in said Bedford and elsewhere, having occasion to travel to the Easterly part of said State, to Newburyport &c to cross said River at said Smiths. That there is a large Eddy in said River on each side, with low or flat banks on each side, whereby it is good carting to the Edge of the Water And that many persons do now cross said River at said Smiths whom he has to assist, and occasions much trouble, for want of proper boats, which in his present circumstances he cannot afford to provide and praying the privilege of keeping a Ferry there to him his Heirs and Assigns; the prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & the House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, And by the Authority of the same, that the Sole right, and privilege of keeping a Ferry over said River from the said Smiths, be and hereby is granted to, and vested in him the said Asahel Smith his Heirs and Assigns for ever

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SAMUEL PEARSON OF SALEM TO ENTER A COMPLAINT AT THE SUPERIOR COURT OF JUDICATURE TO BE HOLDEN AT DOVER IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF MAY NEXT, AGAINST JACOB SHEPHERD—

[Passed Feb. 22, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 3; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 470.]

Whereas the said Samuel Pearson at an Inferior Court of Common pleas holden at Dover in and for the County of Strafford on the third Tuesday of July last past recovered Judgment of the same Court by Default against one Jacob Shepherd for the Sum of twenty Pounds or thereabouts from which Judgment the said Jacob appealed to the then next Superior Court to be holden in said County, but failed to prosecute his said appeal, & Whereas by reason of the Sickness of Oliver Whipple Esq^r Attorney to said Samuel there was an Omission to file a Complaint on the failure of prosecution of said Appeal, whereby the said Samuel lost all benefit of his Judgment aforesaid—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives of said State in General Assembly convened that the said Samuel Pearson have Leave to file his Complaint, on failure of the Prosecution of the said Jacob's Appeal as aforesaid at the next Superior Court of Judicature to be holden at Dover in & for the County of Strafford on the last Tuesday of May next ; in the Same manner, as if the same had been filed at the Court appealed to, & the said Superior Court of Judicature are hereby empowered to sustain the said Samuel's Complaint and to affirm the Judgment of the said Inferior Court with additional Damage and Costs in the same manner as if the said Complaint had been entered at the Court appealed to, and that Execution issue thereon accordingly, any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO EXTEND A RESOLVE OF THE GENERAL COURT PASSED THE TENTH DAY OF NOVEMBER A. D., 1779 PROHIBITING THE SALE OF LANDS BELONGING TO PERSONS WHO HAVE ABSENTED THEMSELVES FROM THIS AND ANY OTHER OF THE UNITED STATES & GONE OVER TO OUR ENEMIES FOR TAXES, TO LANDS BELONGING TO THE SUBJECTS OF GREAT BRITAIN & FOR PREVENTING THE SALE OF ALL SUCH LANDS FOR PROPRIETARY TAXES—

[Passed Feb. 27, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 4; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 467. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 299. Repealed Feb. 13, 1788.]

Whereas by the said Resolve it was directed that a general Order should issue to all Constables in this State directing them not to make Sale of any lands belonging to persons who have absented themselves, from this or any other of the United States & gone over to our Enemies And that the Selectmen of the Several Towns & Places in this State be directed yearly to make a return to the general Court or Committee of Safety of this State of all the lands belonging to such Persons in their respective Towns & places & the taxes laid on them respectively which taxes appearing reasonable to said Court or Committee shall be allowed as so much paid on Account of the place where such lands lie And an order drawn on the Treasury accordingly—Which said Resolve not extending to the Lands of the Subjects of Great Britain many of them have been sold to pay such taxes—For preventing whereof in future—

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened that the said Resolve be taken & deemed to extend to & include the lands of the subjects of Great Britain as fully to all intents as if they had been mentioned therein with the said Absentees and that the Respective Officers therein mentioned conduct themselves accordingly And that the taxes laid or hereafter to be laid on the Lands of the Said Subjects of Great Britain be paid & allowed as in the said Resolve is provided for the payment of the taxes laid on the Lands of Absentees—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that whenever the proprietors of any township or Tract of land within this State shall be assessed for defraying Proprietary charges if any of the said Absentees or Subjects of great Britain are Proprietors in such Townships or Tracts of Land the Collector or Collectors to whom such Assessment shall be delivered to be by him or them levied & Collected shall lay the Names of such Absentees or Subjects of Great Britain with the sums at which they are Assessed before the general Court or Committee of Safety who finding them, to be just shall order the payment thereof out of the Treasury of this State—And all Sales of any Such Lands, hereafter made, for any Taxes shall be, & hereby are declared to be null and void—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO ABRAHAM PREBBLE THE TITLE OF A LOT OF LAND IN WOLFBOROUGH.

[Passed Feb. 27, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 5; recorded Acts, vol. 4 p. 468.]

Whereas Abraham Prebble of Wolfborough in the county of Strafford and State aforesaid Carpenter, Petitioned the General Court setting forth, That he in the year 1775 at the desire of the late Governor John Wentworth, settled on an hundred acre lot of land in said Wolfborough, (then claimed by the said Governor by virtue of the last will of Thomas Packer Esq^r deceased) bounded as follows, viz Beginning at a Hemlock Tree, Number Six, spotted and marked with the letters A. P. being the south corner of said lot Number Six, from thence running N. W. one hundred Forty five rods and a half to a Beech Tree spotted and marked with the letters A. P., from thence running N. E. one hundred and Ten rods, to a Beech Tree spotted and marked with the letters A. P. from thence running S. E. one hundred forty five rods and a half, to an Ash Tree spotted and marked with the letters A. P.

from thence running S. W. one hundred and ten rods to the Tree first mentioned. Which running out of said lot was done to enable the Governor to convey the same to the said Abraham in fee by certain bounds and the letters A. P. being the Initials of the said Abraham Prebble's name were marked on said Trees to ascertain the same lot to be his: That the only inducement to the said Abraham to settle on said lot were the Governor's repeated promises to assure the right and title of the said lot to the said Abraham as a settler in said Wolfborough; which he conceived would have been done, had not the sudden departure of the Governor from this state prevented it. That the said Abraham knowing that the Act of the State empowering Thomas Packer son of the original proprietor of said lot, to try the validity of his father's Will, ordered said son to convey and confirm the title of all lands to all such persons as had bought or settled lands, under the said John Wentworth, which belonged to the said Thomas Packer deceased, and given in and by said Will, to the Governor, in case said Will should be adjudged void—That in consequence of said Will being set aside and of the order in said Act, the said Abraham had repeatedly solicited the son and heir of the said deceased, to convey and confirm unto the said Abraham the title of said lot according to the Governor's promises and the design of the legislature: which the said son refused to do:—Wherefore, the said Abraham prayed that the title of s^d lot of land might be assured to him and he quieted in possession thereof.—The material facts in which petition, upon a full hearing thereof, being proved and the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable, Therefore, Be it & it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened. That all the right, title, interest, property, claim and demand of the said Thomas Packer deceased of in and to the said lot of land, at the time of his decease, shall be and hereby is conveyed & confirmed unto the said Abraham Prebble his heirs and assigns forever, and that he, his heirs & assigns shall be and hereby are quieted in the possession of said lot against all claims and demands of the said Son & heir of the said Thomas Packer deceased, any law, usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO MAKE THE ESTATE OF JOHN FENTON ESQ^r AN
 ABSENTEE, FROM THIS STATE LIABLE TO THE PAYMENT OF
 HIS DEBTS & SUBJECT TO ATTACHMENTS FOR THAT PURPOSE

[Passed Feb. 28, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 6; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 465.]

Whereas the said Fenton is indebted to sundry of the Subjects of this & the Neighbouring States, who by reason of the Laws relating to the Estates of Absentees are prevented recovering their Demands in the common Course of Law—for the relief of whom

Be it enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted That the operation of the Acts or Laws of this State relating to the Estates of Absentees so far as they relate to the Estate of the said Fenton be & it hereby is taken off & made void so far as that the said Estate be made liable to the payment of the demands of his Creditors as much to all intents & purposes as it would have been if the said Fenton had not absented himself—

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in order to prevent the recovery of any unjust Demands against said Estate in the absence of the said Fenton That Moses Baker Esq^r of Campton be & hereby is appointed Agent or Attorney to the said Fenton with full power to appear plead pursue and defend in all Actions bro't against him to final judgment & Execution with full power of Substitution & to Join in the Choice of appraisers who may be appointed to appraise any real Estate to satisfy any Execution against said Estate—And that all writs against said Estate shall be served on the said Agent which service made in the ordinary course of Law shall be deemed as good as tho served on the said Fenton And that the said Agent shall be paid all his reasonable Charges relative to the same out of said Estate which shall be adjusted by the Court which shall render judgment upon such suits, & paid him by the prosecutor and be taxed in his bill against said Estate

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL A CLAUSE IN AN ACT PASSED THE TWENTY SEVENTH DAY OF JUNE AD 1782 ENTITULED AN ACT "FOR THE ENCOURAGING OF THE TAKING UP AND SECURING DESERTERS FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE LINE OF THE CONTINENTAL ARMY AND FOR PUNISHING THOSE PERSONS WHO HARBOR OR SECRETE THEM, KNOWING THEM TO BE SUCH."

[Passed Feb. 28, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 7; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 466.]

Whereas in and by the Act aforesaid among other things it is enacted "that from and after the passing said act whosoever shall Apprehend and secure any deserter from the Continental line of this States troops, and produce to the executive authority of this State a Certificate from any Goal keeper or Officer belonging to the Continental army of his having Apprehended & delivered into his custody, any such Deserter as aforesaid, shall be entitled to receive from the Hon^{ble} the President of this State for the time being an order on the Treasury for the sum of Twelve pounds L Money for each and every Deserter so certified to be by him taken up & delivered into custody as aforesaid." Which said clause not appearing Necessary to be continued in force any longer—Therefore,

Be it enacted & it is hereby enacted by the Council & house of Representatives of said State in General Court Assembled & by the Authority of the same, that the before recited Clause be, & the same hereby is repealed, & declared null & void.

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO REGULATE FERRIES

[Passed Feb. 28, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 8; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 463. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 300; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 233.]

Whereas the Demands of Ferry-men within this State, for carrying the Subjects thereof, and others their horses Cattle and Carriages across the Rivers in the same State are exorbitant and arbitrary, and many of said Ferry-men neglect giving due attendance on Passengers Also the Boats of some are out of repair For remedy whereof

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened, And by the Authority of the same That the Justices of the Courts of General Sessions of the Peace in every County, having therein a ferry or ferries thro out this State may and they are, hereby required in their Court of Sessions to estimate and ascertain the rates of Ferriage in all its branches, for each particular Ferry in such County, which being done the same shall be entered in the Clerks Book in every such County; And the said Justices are further required to cause a Copy of such Order of Court touching said Rates to be served on every Ferryman in each such County (at the charge of the same) who shall affix, such list of Rates, in some conspicuous place in his house where every Passenger may have access thereto. And every Ferryman shall be governed by such Order of Court and take no more for any particular Service than the Sum therein mentioned.

And be it further Enacted That if any Ferryman shall demand and receive for any Service before mentioned a greater Sum of money than in the before mentioned Order of Court specified, and if any Suit shall be commenced by any person aggrieved for the Overplus before any Justice of the peace in the County where the Offence shall arise, and Judgment be rendered for the Plaintiff, such Justice shall Give Judgment against the Deft for Damages & cost of Suit—

And be it further Enacted, that every Ferryman within this State, shall keep a good Boat or Boats, in good repair, suitable to the Waters they are to ferry over, And Also shall give ready, and due attendance on Passengers upon all Occasions, on penalty of Twenty Shillings for every default in Attendance And for want of such sufficient Boat or Boats as aforesaid to forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty shillings, One half to the County wherein the Offence shall arise and the other half to him or them who shall inform or

sue for the same, to be recovered either in a Summary Way before a Justice of the peace in each respective County or at a Court of General Sessions.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE SEVERAL JUDGES OF PROBATE WITHIN THIS STATE TO LIQUIDATE THE SUMS PAID INTO THE PUBLIC TREASURY BY TRUSTEES OF CONFISCATED ESTATES BY THEM RESPECTIVELY APPOINTED; TO ADJUST THE CLAIMS OF THE CREDITORS AGAINST SAID ESTATES, WHICH HAVE BEEN, OR SHALL BE RETURNED INTO THE TREASURY OFFICE BY COMMISSIONERS APPOINTED BY SAID JUDGES RESPECTIVELY; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO GIVE ORDERS FOR THE PAYMENT OF SUCH CLAIMS ACCORDINGLY—

Passed March 1, 1783. Original Acts, vol 9, p. 9; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 462. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 302; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed, p. 88. See additional act of Nov. 6, 1784.]

Whereas the said trustees have at various times paid into the publick Treasury divers Sums of the late paper currency raised by the sale of said Estates and the Creditors to said Estates have not yet received any benefit therefrom—And whereas the Adjusting and ordering the payment of said claims by the General Court as directed in the Additional Confiscation Act would be attended with inconvenience, publick expense and delay.—

Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the same, That the Several Judges of probate in this State be and hereby are Authorized to liquidate by the Scale of depreciation the Several Sums paid into said Treasury by the trustees by them respectively Appointed According to the times said Sums were paid them, And to receive of the Treasurer the List of Claims against said Estates which have been or shall be returned into his office by Commissioners by them respectively Appointed and to Adjust and Certify the Same to the president of the Council, who is hereby Authorized to Give order on the Treasurer directing him to Issue notes for the same Carrying interest from the time the said Sums were paid into the treasury on the same footing with the other publick Securities of this State. And the Treasurer is hereby Authorized & empowered on Receiving such orders

to Issue note Accordingly.—for the payment thereof and he is hereby directed to pay the Same Accordingly, But if any of said Estates are Insolvent the said Judges respectively shall cause the said sums Arising from the Sale of such Insolvent Estates, to be Averaged Among all the Creditors to said Estate, (whose claims have been or shall be received) in proportion to their said Claims and to Certify the same to the president of the Council—who is hereby Authorized to order the Treasurer, to Issue Notes for such proportion on the Same footing with other Securities Carrying Interest from the time the money was Paid into the Treasury, any Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the said Judges be and hereby are Authorized to lengthen the time Limited to Commissioners by them respectively appointed to receive such Claims three months from the Passing this Act.—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RAISING FIFTY FIVE THOUSAND POUNDS LAWFUL MONEY FOR THE ENDS AND PURPOSES HEREIN MENTIONED AND TO ENABLE THE RECEIVER GENERAL TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR COLLECTING THE SAME

[Passed March 1, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 10; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 460. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 303. See act of Sept. 1, 1782. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas it is necessary for the purposes of discharging the Interest on the Securities of this State for answering the several Requisitions of the United States, for defraying the necessary Expences of the Government of this State, for the current Year, and for paying the Accounts of the several Towns for supplies to Soldiers families for the Years one thousand seven hundred & Eighty one thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty one & one thousand seven hundred & Eighty two that the sum of Fifty five Thousand pounds should be raised—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same, it is hereby Enacted, that there be and hereby is granted, for the current Year the following sums amounting in the whole to Fifty five Thousand pounds, which sum is hereby appropriated, and to be apply'd to the following purposes Namely, The sum of six Thousand and fifty pounds to be applied to the purpose of discharging the Interest of the Public Securities of this State,

the sum of twenty four Thousand pounds to answer a requisition from the United States, the sum of fourteen thousand four hundred pounds to answer a further requisition from the United States, for the express purpose of discharging the Interest due on the Loan Office certificates, and the further Sum of Ten thousand five hundred and fifty Pounds for the necessary purposes of supporting the Government of this State, and for paying the Accounts of the several Towns for supplies to Soldiers families for the Years one Thousand seven hundred and eighty one thousand and Seven Hundred & Eighty one and one Thousand seven hundred and eighty two, which sums shall be Assessed & levied on the Polls and Estates, within this State; agreeable to the last proportion of Taxes, for the several towns & places therein, to be collected at the times, and paid in the manner following, Namely, the one half part thereof on or before the first Day of August next, and the other half part thereof on or before the thirtieth Day of December next—And Certificates for Interest on the public Securities of this State and Orders drawn on the Treasurer shall be received in payment of the said Taxes by the respective Collectors, and by the Receiver General—

And the Receiver General is hereby directed & required forthwith to issue his Warrants for Assessing Collecting & paying said sums into the Treasury in the manner before directed—

And the Select Men of the several towns and places within this State, are hereby required, as soon as may be, after the first day of April next, to Assess the rateable polls and estates the sum total of the said sum of fifty five thousand pounds, and cause the same to be paid in manner aforesaid, making the said Taxes in separate columns for each payment, and issue their Warrants accordingly—

And in making said Taxes they shall govern themselves by the Inventories taken for the last proportion in December One thousand seven hundred and seventy nine and returned to the General Assembly; with respect to all unimproved Lands and Buildings, and Lands of Nonresidents; except where any town or place hath been lessened or doomed by the General Assembly, for any or either of said Articles, in which case they may deduct or add on such Article, in just proportion, so much as said doomage or deduction amounted to

Provided also, that the taxes on Lands of Nonresident Proprietors (being unimproved) shall be made in single Columns, and that the Collectors shall not distrain for the same till after the first day of October next. And that the said Lands of Nonresident Proprietors unimproved shall not be taxed to any other Taxes but only the State tax, War tax and County tax—

In the House of Representatives February 25th 1783.

Whereas it hath been represented to the General Assembly that by some means or other the Committees appointed in & by an Act passed the Twenty eighth day of December Seventeen Hundred and Eighty two, to sell the Excise in the Counties of Cheshire and Grafton, have been prevented from Accomplishing the said business within the time limited in & by the said Act; and it being necessary that a further time should be allowed those Committees for that purpose—Therefore be it, and it is hereby—

Resolved that the said Committees be impowered to proceed in making the said Sales as in the said Act is prescribed at any time on or before the first day of May next anything in said Act to the contrary notwithstanding—

Council concurred February 26th 1783.

In the House of Representatives February 27th 1783.

Whereas by the various accounts from Europe it is highly probable that a general peace among the Belligerent powers will very soon take place, which desirable event should it happen before a permanent government be adopted by the Inhabitants of this State must render the further Continuance of the present government absolutely necessary for the Security of the lives, liberties and properties of the citizens thereof—

Therefore to guard against the dreadful evils naturally flowing from Anarchy, and to Secure the blessings resulting from the present, till a more eligible permanent plan of government can be Established

Resolved as the Unanimous sense of the Council and House of Representatives for this State, that the present government be continued in its full force till the tenth day of June 1784 notwithstanding a general pacification to take place, in the meantime, provided a permanent plan of Government for this State should not be Established antecedent to that period—And it is hereby earnestly recommended to the Inhabitants of this State to give their Serious & immediate attention to this momentous & important object—And the Select men of the Several Towns and places within this State are hereby requested to lay this resolve before the Inhabitants of the Same at their next annual meeting if received before such meetings be finished; if not so received then at meetings to be called for that purpose as soon as may be and to request such Inhabitants to signify by vote their approbation or disapprobation of continuing the present government according to the afore mentioned resolve and the Clerks of the Several Towns & places aforesaid are hereby directed to certify the Same to the Committee of Safety for this state at Exeter on or before the fifteenth day of April next, in order that the Legislature may be ascertained of the sentiments of their constituents, touching the matter so intimately connected with the being of Government & the happiness of the Subjects—The Legislature while fully convinced of the Utility & necessity of continuing the present govern-

ment for the term and reasons aforesaid, are deeply impressed with a Sense of the necessity and importance of having a free & permanent government established in this state, and cannot omit this opportunity to recommend to their constituents a more particular & Serious attention to an object so essential to the Security and happiness of themselves and posterity, that the Citizens of this State would in future be more general and explicit in their returns concerning a matter of such magnitude—

Council concurred February 28th 1783.

[*Third Session, Held at Concord, June 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 1783.*]

[CHAPTER 1]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT EXPLANATORY OF A CLAUSE IN AN ACT ENTITLED
AN ACT TO INCORPORATE AN ACADEMY IN THE TOWN OF
EXETER BY THE NAME OF THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY—

[Passed June 14, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 11; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 474. The act referred to is dated April 3, 1781.]

Whereas the Trustees of said Academy have petitioned the General Court setting forth that they apprehend that it is not the Spirit & Design of the Clause in said Act whereby it is enacted "that all the Lands Tenements & personal Estate that shall be given to said Trustees for the use of said Academy shall be & thereby are forever exempted from all taxes whutsoever" to exempt any Estate from Taxation when transferred and holden in the Right of any other Person or body corporate—and therefore praying that an explanatory Addition may be made to the said Clause—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same That all lands Tenements & Personal Estate that have been or hereafter shall be vested in the said Trustees for the use of said Academy When transferred, vested & shall remain in the Right of any other Person or Persons or body Corporate shall be subject totaxation in common with the lands tenements and personal Estate of other Subjects of this State—any thing in the said Act to the contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO REPEAL CERTAIN PARTS OF A LAW OF THIS STATE
ENTITLED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO THE LAW ALREADY IN
FORCE FOR THE REGULATION OF SWINE" AND FOR ADDING A
NEW CLAUSE INSTEAD THEREOF

[Passed June 17, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 12; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 475. The act referred to is dated April 6, 1781. See act of June 16, 1791.]

Whereas the parts of said Act prohibiting swine being suffered to go at large within the compact part of Portsmouth Ascertainning the mode of proceeding with such swine & the limits of said compact part of said Portsmouth have been found ineffectual to answer the good design of said Act.

Wherefore be it enacted & it is hereby enacted by the Council & house of Representatives for said State that such parts of said Act as relate to the penalty, limits of the compact part of said Portsmouth and mode of proceeding with said swine and those parts of said Act only, be and hereby are repealed & instead thereof the following clauses Substituted viz Whosoever shall find and take up any swine suffered by the owner thereof to go at large within the compact part of the Town of Portsmouth contained within the following limits viz Beginning at Pickerings Mills and following the course of Piscataqua river to Boyds Mills, thence running up by Boyds Millpond to a point opposite the Westerly end of the new Goal thence Streight to the same, thence on a Streight line Southerly across the middle road to the Northwest corner of Thomas Packers pasture, thence on the Northerly side of said Pasture on a Streight line to the head of Pickerings Millpond, thence by said Millpond to Pickerings mills aforesaid, shall have the property of, and may convert such Swine so found at large contrary to the Spirit and design of said Act to his or their own use, and in case any action or actions should be brought against any person or persons for so taking up and converting such Swine, he or they may plead the general issue and give this Act in evidence any law, usage, or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided nevertheless that this Act shall not be in force until the fifteenth day of July next—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO DISSOLVE THE MARRIAGE BETWEEN WINTHROP
RUNNELLS AND EUNICE HIS WIFE.

[Passed June 18, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 13; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 476.]

Whereas Eunice Runnells wife of Winthrop Runnells of Barrington, in the County of Strafford Joiner hath petitioned the General assembly of this state setting forth. That the inhuman Treatment of the said Winthrop towards her brought on a separation near Three years since, that during that time he has left her to seek subsistence for herself and Child, without his aid. And that he after having violated the marriage Covenant by Infidelity to her Bed has absconded to avoid the Consequences of his Conduct. And Whereas at a former session of the Assembly the said Winthrop signified to the assembly then sitting his assent to a separation from the said Eunice—Therefore—

Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in general assembly Convened and by the authority of the same it is hereby Enacted

That the Bonds of Matrimony between the said Winthrop and Eunice be and hereby are dissolved.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT IMPOWERING SIMEON SMITH TO SELL & CONVEY A LOT
OF LAND IN NORTHFIELD IN BEHALF OF HIS SON JOHN SMITH,
BEING A MINOR.

[Passed June 19, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 14; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 477.]

Whereas Simeon Smith of Warren in the County of Grafton in said State, hath Petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that his son John Smith, being a Minor, owned, by Virtue of a Deed given him, by his late Grand-Father Reuben Smith late of Kensington deceased, a certain hundred acre Lot of Land in Northfield in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid, Namely, the

hundred Acre Lot laid out in the second hundred acre division of the township of Canterbury to the original Right of John Gray : butted & bounded as the said Lot is returned in the Records of Canterbury : That the said Lot was wholly uncultivated, and that the said Simeon Smith could not advance to pay the Taxes as they arose thereon, & apprehended the Lot would be sold to pay the same, and that the said Simeons said son would be wholly deprived of any benefit therefrom by the time he would arrive to the age of twenty one years. Wherefore the said Simeon prayed that he might be Authorised to sell the said Lot for the benefit of his son aforesaid, under such restrictions to account for the proceeds thereof as might be judged reasonable. The facts in said Petition being proved, & the granting the prayer thereof appearing to be for the benefit of the said Minor.

Therefore Be it, and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, that the said Simeon Smith in behalf of the said Minor, be and hereby is fully authorised and empowered to sell & convey in fee, all the right, title, interest, property claim, and demand of his said Son, in & to, said Lot of Land, and to make & execute in due form of Law any Deed or Deeds thereof to any purchaser or purchasers, which sale of said Land so made, by the said Simeon Smith, shall be as effectual in Law as if the same sale had been made by his Son when of full age for such purpose.—Provided the said Simeon shall before the sale of said Lot of land as aforesaid, give Bond with sufficient sureties to the Judge of Probate for the County of Grafton in the sum of two hundred & fifty pounds Law-full Money, conditioned to account with his Son for the proceeds of said sale, when his said Son shall arrive to the age of twenty one years.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO GRANT & CONFIRM TO DANIEL WARNER HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS A THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND.

[Passed June 19, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 15; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 479.]

Whereas Daniel Warner of Putney in the county of Cumberland & State of New York husbandman petitioned the General assembly setting forth among other things, That, David Page dec^d did in the year 1773 obtain of the late Governor & Council of the late Province of New Hampshire, a vote for the Grant of one Thousand

acres of land to be laid out where the said Page should locate it. Which tract of land was afterwards located by the said Page and surveyed and bounded by one Edwards Bucknam, by order of the Surveyer General of lands which said land was laid out at the Southeasterly corner of Dartmouth & bounded as follows viz^t Beginning at the Southeasterly corner of Dartmouth in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, thence running South Three hundred and Twenty rods, thence West five hundred Rods, thence North three hundred & twenty Rods to the line of said Dartmouth & thence East by the said Dartmouth's line to the place began at. That the said Warner had bought the said Page's right to said land, but as the Death of the said Page and war had prevented the said Page from obtaining a Grant thereof, the said Warner prayed that the title of s^d tract of land might be granted & confirmed to him and his heirs. The facts in the said petition being supported and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable, Therefore, Be it & it hereby is Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That, the Title and right of and to said Tract of land be and hereby is granted and confirmed unto the said Daniel Warner his heirs and assigns forever Provided that the said Warner his heirs or assigns shall put on the said Tract two Settlers within five years from the passing this act who shall constantly reside, thereon & continue to make improvements on the same land & in case of default thereof the same land shall revert to the State to be regranted.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE HENRY BUTLER TO CONVEY A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN MEREDITH IN THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD TO ONE BENJAMIN SWAIN.—

[Passed June 19, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 16; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 478.]

Whereas Henry Butler of Nottingham in the County of Rockingham Administrator of the estate of Ebenezer Fisk late of Epping in said County of Rockingham Physician deceased intestate hath petitioned the General Court setting forth that the said Fisk in his life time owning part of a right of land in the Township of Meredith in said State and being under Obligation to settle the whole right gave Ebenezer Smith Esq^r a Bond to convey to any person he should procure to settle on said right Forty Acres of the land

belonging thereto—That the said Smith procured one Benjamin Swain to Settle said right according to the Terms of the Charter of the said Township, bnt that the said Fisk died without having executed said deed according to the Tenor of his said Bond. Wherefore he prayed that he might be Authorized to execute a Valid Deed of said forty Acres of land to said Swain According to the Tenor of said Bond—Which facts appearing to be true & the prayer thereof reasonable—Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened—That the said Henry Butler be and he hereby is fully impowered and Authorized to make & execute (in his Capacity Aforesaid) a good and Valid conveyance of forty Acres of the Lot in the first division of land in said Meredith laid out to the Original right of Robert Cutler being the Southerly side of said Lot to the said Benjamin Swain his heirs and Assigns forever. Which Forty acres is to be considered according to the Quantity and Quality of the same (computing it as wild & uncultivated land) as so much of the said Fisks part in the Original right of the said Robert Cutler—and a Deed given by the said Butler to the said Swain in manner aforesaid shall convey the right & title of the said Premises as fully to all intents and purposes as if the said Fisk had executed the same in his life time.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR RESTORING ROBERT MOORE TO HIS LAW.

[Passed June 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 17; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 482.]

Whereas Robert Moore of Pembroke in the County of Rockingham and State aforesaid husbandman Petitioned the General Assembly, setting forth that he was sued at the Inferior Court of Common Pleas held at Exeter in and for said County on the first Tuesday of February A D 1783, by Samuel Parker of Pembroke aforesaid Taylor in an action of the case, which action the said Moore conceived was founded on a Note before given by him to the sd Parker and on nothing else. In consequence of misinformation and misconception about the demand, the said Moore suffered himself to be defaulted at said Court when and where judgment was rendered against him in favor of said Parker not only for the amount of said note, but the Sum of fourteen pounds nineteen shillings and Eleven pence lawful money being the amount of an account declared on and annexed to the writ in which said Note

was sued, which account the said Moore affirmed was not just Wherefore he prayed he might be enabled to have a trial on the merits of said action. Which facts being proved & the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable, Therefore, Be it and it is hereby enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General assembly convened, that said Judgment so rendered against the said Moore in favor of said Parker and all proceedings thereon shall be and hereby are made null and void and that the said Moore may and shall have a trial on the Merits of said action, as tho' he had never been defaulted and as tho' No Judgment had ever been given thereon any law, usage or custom to y^e contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 8.]

} *State of* }
 } *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ONE JOSEPH AMES TO SELL CERTAIN LAND
 IN PETERBOROUGH—

[Passed June 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 18; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 483.]

Whereas Joseph Ames of Framingham in the County of Middlesex & commonweath of Massachusetts Gentleman hath petitioned the general Court Setting forth that he is Executor to the last will & Testament of David Ames late of Peterborough in the County of Hillsborough & State of New Hampshire deceased that said David died seized of a hundred Acre lot of land in said Peterborough, That two of the Daughters of said deceased are about Marrying and want their Shares, that the Sons are young & no prospect of any one being soon able to buy the shares of the others, that the income of the laud is not Sufficient to pay the Taxes, and that it was the desire of the said David before his decease that the same might be sold for the benefit of his Children—Wherefore he the said Joseph prayed that he might be enabled to sell said Land for the use of said heirs—The facts set forth in said Petition appearing true and the prayer thereof reasonable Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in general Court Assembled that the said Joseph Ames be & he hereby is authorized & impowred to sell & convey the afores^d Lot of Laud in said Peterborough which lot is bounded Eastward on land of Adam Gregg & William Swan Southward on land of Jotham Blanchard, westward on the Ministerial lot & Northward on land of Samuel Moore—

And a proper Deed or Deeds legally executed by the said Joseph Ames (in his capacity aforesaid) of said premises shall convey to the purchaser or purchasers all the rights of the said David at the time of his decease as fully as though said David had signed & executed the same in his life time—

Provided Nevertheless, the said Joseph Ames shall before he makes sale of the premises aforesaid give Bond with Sufficient Sureties in a Sum not less than Five hundred pounds to the Judge of probate for the County of Hillsborough to account with the children & heirs of the Said David respectively when they arrive at full age for the Money arising from the sale of said land deducting his reasonable charges

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING SEVERAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE
TOWN OF NEWPORT IN SAID STATE, AND THE PROCEEDINGS
THEREAT, AND AT THE SEVERAL ADJOURNMENTS THEREOF

[Passed June 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 19, recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 480.]

Whereas the Select Men of the Town of Newport have Petitioned the General Court at their Present Session setting forth, that through inadvertance and other circumstances concurring, the Select-Men, who warned said Meetings, had not taken the Oath of Fidelity by Law required; and that the Petitioners did not know, till lately, that there was a Necessity for Town Inhabitants, to take the said Oath, to qualify them to Vote at Town Meetings; that they have since taken said Oath and are ready in future, to conform to the Law in that respect: but that some of the Inhabitants excuse themselves, and refuse to pay the outstanding Taxes, because the Town Officers were not Legally chosen, and therefore Praying that this Court, would Establish all the Meetings held in the said Town, and the Proceedings thereof, and at the Adjournments of the same, which would have been legal, in case the said Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity, had never been required, which Petition appearing in part reasonable

Therefore, Be it, And it is hereby Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives, in General Assembly Convened, and by the Authority of the Same, that the Several Meetings held in the said Town of Newport, Be, and they hereby are, so far Established, and no farther than to Enable the Officers of said Town, to Levy

and Collect their State and County Taxes any, thing in the said Acts requiring an Oath of Allegiance, to the Contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF SACO RIVER (SO CALLED) IN STEPHEN COFFIN OF CONWAY HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS.

[Passed June 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 20; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 481.]

Whereas the Select Men of Conway have petitioned the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of Said Conway Setting forth that the Situation of said Town is such that the River Called Saco runs through said Town Dividing it into two parts and Makeing it Dificult in the seasons when the said River is flowed to pass the same from one part to the other : And therefore praying that the Exclusive priviledge of keeping a Ferry over the Said River Might be Vested in Stephen Coffin of Said Conway his heirs and assigns from the Said Coffln's Dwelling House a Cross the said River : which representation appearing Just and the prayer of said Petition to be reasonable

Therefore be it & it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the authority of the Same : that the Sole & Exclusive right and priviledge of keeping a Ferry over said river in any place within a mile of the Dwelling House of the Said Stephen Coffin Down the Said River to the line of this State and within the same Distance up the Said river, be and hereby is vested in and Granted to him the Said Stephen Coffin his heirs and assigns he and they from time to time as the same shall fall, giving Bond with Surity in the Sum of Fifty pounds to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Straford, That said Ferry shall be Duly attended & well kept

And be it Further Enacted by the Authority that if any person or persons shall for Hire or reward transport over Said River Within the Distance above Mentioned any person Creature or thing, Such person so Transporting Shall forfeit and pay to the said Stephen Coffin his heirs and assigns the sum of Forty Shillings for each person Creature or thing so transported to be recovered by action of Debt before any Justice of the peace Within the said County—

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF THE SOUTH PART
 OF THE TOWN OF POPLIN TO JOIN THEMSELVES TO THE PAR-
 ISH OF HAWKE—

[Passed June 20, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 22; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 484.]

Whereas sundry Inhabitants of the South part of said Poplin hereinafter named have petitioned the General Assembly Setting forth that they are a Compact body, and are so situate that they are unable to support the preaching of the Gospel amongst them, agreeable to their Religious Sentiments, as they are so few in number, and that most of the persons inhabiting the north side of said Poplin are of a different perswasion, with respect to Religious Worship, and that the Land is so formed as to render it very unlikely that the said Town of Poplin will ever agree to meet in its Center, as a Large tract of land there is unfertile and it is Therefore more Convenient for them to be annexed to said Hawke. And praying that such part of Poplin herein after mentioned and described, may be annexed to said Hawke for the purpose of Enjoying Parochial priviledges, therein relative to ministerial Affairs only—Viz^t—The Line to begin at Copy hold Bridge (so called) thence following Blackrocks Road, to Capt Nathan Browns and James Merrills—also including their Estates, thence westerly to Black rocks mills standing on Exeter river, to Raymond Line.—And upon due notification, and a hearing on the premises the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable.—

Therefore be it Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly Convened and by the Authority of the same. That the Petitioners above referred to Viz^t Daniel Brown, Abraham Smith, Walter Haines, Enoch Smith, James Tucker, Elisha Hook, John Kimball, John Brown, Sherburne Sandborn, Enoch Brown, Matthew Bryant, Elijah Brown, Joshua Abbott, Joshua Kimball, Ephraim Abbott Stephen Hobbs, Jonathan Robinson, Willoughby Taylor, Benjamin Brown, John Hoit and William Gregg—and all other persons being residents & owners of Lands, within the before described lines together with all the Polls belonging to their respective Families, and all their Estates, which they do now, or shall hereafter own, within said Lines, together with all Improved Lands within the same, which do, or may belong to Non residents shall be, and they hereby are, Annexed to said Hawke, and shall be

deemed as part of said parish of Hawke, and have and Enjoy parochial privileges in common with the other parishioners thereof—and be subject to all ministerial Taxes as the other Inhabitants thereof now are. Provided Nevertheless That if any person who has not joined in this Petition but is an Inhabitant within said Lines, shall within the space of Six Months next after the passing this Act Enter his, or her name with the parish Clerk of said Hawke as dissenting from the said parochial Union, every such person together with his, or her Estate shall be considered as disannexed from said Hawke.

And be it further Enacted—That the persons aforementioned as annexed to said Hawke, and also any persons who may hereafter come and settle within the Lines aforesaid, and inhabit the same, and their minor Children, who shall in time to come, be desirous of belonging to the said parish of Hawke, shall within Six months next after their removal, within said lines, also all male persons belonging to said Town in future within six months after they shall have arrived to the Age of Twenty one Years, shall manifest their desire in writing to the Parish Clerk of said Hawke, that they do not incline to be joined to said Parish, and have the same entered—Otherways such future settlers and minors shall be considered as belonging to said Parish And David Tilton Esq^r is hereby empowered to call the first meeting as soon as may be, after the passing this Act and that all future annual Meetings for Ministerial Affairs in said Hawke shall be held on the third monday of March.

In the House of Representatives June 20th 1783.

Voted that the following address be sent to the Several Towns and Places in this State

An Address to the People of the State of New Hampshire—

Whereas the United States in Congress Assembled have taken into consideration so much of the eighth Article of the confederation and perpetual union between the thirteen States of America, as is contained in the following words Namely "All charges of War and all other expenditures that shall be incurred for the common defence or general welfare, and allowed by the united States in Congress assembled, shall be defrayed out of a common Treasury, which shall be supplied by the Several States in proportion to the value of all Land within each state, granted to or Surveyed for any person, as such land and buildings and improvements thereon, shall be estimated according to such mode as the United States in Congress Assembled shall from time to time direct and appoint" And have agreed to revoke and make void the Same and to Substitute in lieu thereof the following namely "That all charges of the war and all expences have been or shall be incurred for the common defence or general welfare, and allowed by the united States in Congress Assembled, except so far as shall be other wise provided for, shall be defrayed out of a

"common treasury which shall be supplied by the Several States in
 "proportion to the whole number of white and other free citizens and
 "Inhabitants, of every age Sex and condition including those bound
 "to Servitude for a term of years, and three fifths of all other persons
 "not comprehended in foregoing description, except Indians not pay-
 "ing taxes, in each state, which number shall be triennially taken
 "and transmitted to United States in Congress Assembled in such
 "mode as they shall direct and appoint"—The foregoing alteration the
 United States in Congress Assembled have agreed to make in case
 the respective states shall authorize their delegates to Subscribe and
 ratify the same as part of the said instrument—The reasons for this
 alteration are comprised in the following words of an address of the
 united States in Congress Assembled to the respective states (viz)
 "The expediency and even necessity of such a change has been suf-
 "ficiently enforced by the local injustice and discontents which have
 "proceeded from valuations of the soil in every state where the experi-
 "ment has been made, but how infinitely must these evils be encreased
 "on a comparison of such valuation among the states themselves.
 "on whatever side indeed this rule be surveyed the execution of it
 "must be attended with the most serious difficulties. If the valua-
 "tions be referred to the Authorities of the Several States, a general
 "satisfaction is not to be hoped for, if they be executed by officers of
 "the United States traversing the country for that purpose, besides
 "the inequalities against which this mode would be no Security, the
 "expence would be both enormous & obnoxious; if the mode taken
 "in the Act of the Seventeenth day of February last which was
 "deemed on the whole least objectionable be adhered to, still the
 "insufficiency of the data to the purpose to which they are to be
 "applied must greatly impair if not utterly destroy all confidence in
 "the accuracy of the result; not to mention that as far as the result
 "can be at all a just one, it will be indebted for the advantage to the
 "principal on which the rule proposed to be substituted is founded.
 "This rule tho' not free from objection is liable fewer than any other
 "that could be devised, the only material difficulty which attended it
 "in the deliberations of Congress was to fix the proper difference
 "between the labour and industry of free Inhabitants and of all other
 "Inhabitants. The ratio ultimately agreed on was the effect of
 "mutual concessions. and if it should be supposed not to corres-
 "pond precisely with the fact; no doubt ought to be entertained that
 "an equal Spirit of accomodation among the Several Legislatures
 "will prevail against little inequalities which may be calculated on
 "one side or the other"—The General Assembly having maturely
 considered the alteration proposed & recommended to be made, are
 fully convinced of the Expediency and utility of the measure. But
 at the same time wish to be instructed and empowered particularly
 by their constituents in a matter of such importance as the alteration
 of an Article in the confederation—And Therefore recommend to the
 Select men of the Several Towns and places in this State as soon as
 may be, to call meetings for the purpose of instructing and empower-
 ing their representatives with respect to the proposed alteration—

Council concurred same day.

[*Fourth Session, Held at Concord, October 28, 29, 30, 31; November 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 1783.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF LITERATURE AND GENIUS, AND FOR SECURING TO AUTHORS THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT AND BENEFIT OF PUBLISHING THEIR LITERARY PRODUCTIONS, FOR TWENTY YEARS.

[Passed Nov. 7, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 23; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 487. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 305; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 161. See Laws of 1792, p. 277.]

As the improvement of Knowledge, the progress of Civilization and the advancement of Human Happiness, greatly depend on the efforts of learned and ingenious persons in the various Arts and Sciences; as the principal encouragement such persons can have to make great and beneficial exertions of this Nature must consist in the legal security of the fruits of their Study and Industry to themselves; and as such security is one of the natural rights of all men, there being no property more peculiarly a man's own than that which is produced by the labor of his mind.—

Therefore to encourage the publication of literary productions, honorary and beneficial to the public. Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same, That all Books, Treatises, and other literary Works, having the name or names of the Author or Authors thereof printed and published with the same, shall be the sole property of the said Author or Authors, being Subjects of the United States of America, their Heirs and Assigns, for the full and complete Term of Twenty Years, from the Date of their first Publication.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any person or persons shall print, re-print, publish, sell, or expose to sale, or shall cause to be printed, re-printed, published, sold or exposed to sale, any Book, Treatise, or other literary Work, not yet printed, written by any Subject of the United States of America, whose name as Author, shall have been thereto prefixed, without Consent of the Author or Authors, or their Assigns, during said Term, shall forfeit and pay a sum not exceeding one Thousand pounds nor less than Five pounds—to the Use of such Author or Authors, or their Assigns; to be recovered by Action of Debt, in any Court of Record proper to try the same—

Provided always, That this Act shall not be construed to extend in favor or for the benefit of any Author or Authors, subject or subjects of any other of the United States, until the State or States of which such Authors are Subjects, shall have passed similar Laws, for securing to Authors the exclusive Right and Benefit of publishing their literary productions.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE BENJAMIN EVANS OF SALISBURY IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX & COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS ESQ^r ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE WILL ANNEX'D, OF THE ESTATE WHICH BELONGED TO JABEZ TUCKER LATE OF THE SAME SALISBURY CORDWAINER DECEASED.

[Passed Nov. 8, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 25; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 490.]

Whereas the said administrator petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that, the said Jabez by his last Will and Testament duly proved and approved, devised his real estate to & among his children, as well his real estate in this State, as elsewhere; and likewise bequeathed his personal estate as therein mentioned: That many and some large debts were owing & due from the said Jabez to divers persons, the whole which debts exceeded the amount of the appraised value of the personal estate of said Jabez by a considerable sum: That, the personal estate consisting of live stock and furniture was indispensably necessary for the comfort and convenience of the family of said deceased; That, that part of the real estate of the said Jabez lying in Gilmantown in the State of New Hampshire, was purchased of one Joshua Bean, to whom, for said purchase a large debt was due, by whom, for the recovery of said debt, a suit was commenced and pending, against the said Administrator: That, the heirs of the said Jabez were desirous of retaining of the personal estate, & of having the real estate in said Gilmantown sold. Wherefore the said Administrator prayed authority from the legislative power to sell and convey, for y^e most the same would fetch, the said real estate of the said Jabez consisting of about one hundred and thirty acres of land, lying in Gilmantown aforesaid, the Administrator consenting to give Bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford in the State of New Hampshire to apply and dispose of the net proceeds of said Sale, as personal estate of the said Jabez undisposed of.—

Upon hearing and considering the petition, it appears reasonable that the prayer thereof should be granted Therefore Be it, and it is hereby Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened that the said Benjamin Evans administrator aforesaid be and hereby is fully authorized and impowered as Adm^r aforesaid, to sell and convey in fee simple the real estate aforesaid belonging to the said Jabez at the time of his decease, situate in said Gilmantown to any person, or persons, for the most the same will fetch, and to make and execute any good and valid deed or deeds thereof to the purchaser or purchasers of the said real estate. Provided the said Administrator shall prior to the sale of said land give Bond to the Judge of Probate for the County of Strafford aforesaid with sufficient sureties to apply & dispose of the net proceeds of the sale of said land, as personal estate of the said Jabez undisposed of.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALLOWING A FURTHER TIME FOR RECORDING
GRANTS & CHARTERS OF LAND WITHIN THIS STATE
GRANTED BY THE LATE GOVERNORS THEREOF

[Passed Nov. 8, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 26; Laws, 1780 ed., p. 306.]

Whereas an Act of this State, intituled an Act for recording, Grants, Locations or Charters of Lands in this State, Granted by the late Governors thereof, Benning Wentworth Esq^r & John Wentworth Esq^r is expired—& a further time appears necessary for that purpose

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives, in General Court assembled & by the Authority of the Same it is hereby enacted—That the term of Twelve months from & after the passing of this Act be allowed for that purpose.

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO NULLIFY AN ORDER OF THE COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS OF THE PEACE HELD AT AMHERST WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH, ON THE FIRST THURSDAY NEXT FOLLOWING THE FIRST TUESDAY OF JANUARY 1781.—RELATIVE TO A HIGHWAY THROUGH LAND OF JONATHAN SEARLS OF NOTTINGHAM WEST.—

[Passed Nov. 8, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 27; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 492.]

Whereas the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Amherst within and for the County of Hillsborough in said State on the first thursday next following the first Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord 1781. did pass an Order for the Laying out a highway two rods wide, through Land of Jonathan Searls of Nottingham West, Namely "from Thomas Caldwell's house to "the house of the Said Jonathan Searls as the path was then "trod, subject to Gates & bars for twelve months, and then to be opened," And it being made to appear by the said Jonathau Searls, that an open road through his said Land would be very detrimental to him, and that a bridle way, Subject to Gates and bars, would answer as Good a purpose as said open road, And the said Searls having Supplicated redress in that behalf. And the same Appearing reasonable. Therefore Be it Enacted, and it is hereby Enacted by the Council And house of Representatives, in General Assembly convened, and by the Authority of the Same that, the order of the said Court of General Sessions of the peace before mentioned, (as far as the same relates) to an open road through the Land of the said Jonathan Searls in Said Nottingham West, be Annulled, And that instead thereof the same be Established as a bridle way Subject to Gates and bars—Any Law, usage, or Custom to the Contrary notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO CONFIRM UNTO DAVID CALL AND WIFE, THEIR HEIRS & ASSIGNS THE TITLE TO A CERTAIN TRACT OF LAND IN PORTSMOUTH WITH THE BUILDINGS THEREON AND PRIVILEGE OF A WELL.—

[Passed Nov. 8, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 28; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 489.]

Whereas Sarah Ross of Portsmouth in the county of Rockingham and State aforesaid Widow & David Call of Portsmouth aforesaid Baker, Petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that, the said Sarah being lately seized of a Lot of land lying in said Portsmouth with a house thereon standing, butted and bounded as follows, to wit, beginning at the land now in possession of John Sherburne on the East, thence running westerly fronting on the main road leading from the Meeting house to the Creek so called, Sixty four feet, and running Northwardly one hundred and Seven feet, bounded on the West by land of Jotham Odiorne Esq^r deceas'd, and on the Northeast by the land of John Wendell Junior, so as to carry that breadth of Sixty four feet until it comes back to one hundred and Seventy feet, bounded then Northerly on said Sarah Ross's land with the privilege of a Well: Which premises were conveyed to the said Sarah by her late father George Vaughan by deed dated June 22^d A.D. 1772 with other land for the use of the said Sarah and her children; and the said Sarah being wholly destitute of all means of support, but the real Estate aforesaid, and her children being in the greatest want and distress and the said Sarah conceiving, that she had good right to convey the same estate or any part thereof, for the support of herself and children, on the second day of February A.D. 1782 conveyed the lot and house aforesaid to the said David Call and his wife who paid the said Sarah the full value thereof, which money the said Sarah and her family have since, in the most frugal manner, been living upon—And whereas the said David is apprehensive there may some doubt arise hereafter about the goodness of his title to said lot of land & Buildings and the said Sarah is willing and desirous of doing all in her power to quiet and confirm him in the Title thereof Wherefore they jointly prayed that the Legislature would confirm the title of said land & buildings to the said David Call and his Wife, their heirs and assigns forever according to the design of the Conveyance of the said Sarah to the said David and

Wife Which petition being read and heard & the prayer thereof appearing reasonable, therefore Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Right and Title to said Lot of land Buildings and Privilege of a Well as mentioned and described in said Deed be and hereby are confirmed to the said David Call & his wife, their heirs and assigns forever according to the design & import of the deed by the said Sarah to the said David and his Wife made and executed in manner aforesaid any law, custom or usage to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO CONFIRM & AUTHENTICATE THE SALE OF CERTAIN LANDS HEREIN MENTIONED

[Passed Nov. 8, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 29; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 486.]

Whereas Ward Eddy and Rebeckah his Wife have preferred a petition to this Court representing that Daniel Greenwood of Dublin in the County of Cheshire, the former Husband of the said Rebeckah one of the petitioners in a strange and surprizing manner sometime in March 1774 Absconded, and left his family consisting of the said Rebeckah his wife, and one small child, and hath not since been heard of—That the said *Greenwood* left his Estate consisting of a Lot of Land containing one hundred acres, mostly wild there being then but small improvements made upon it, with a Log house a Saw Mill partly finished and the whole greatly involved, That the Creditors Attached said Estate, but a suspension of the Administration of Justice, which immediately succeeded prevented their obtaining final Judgment—But the impatience of said Creditors compelled said Rebecca then wife of said Daniel Greenwood to attempt, without the assistance of Law or even Friends, a settlement of said Estate—That she has done the same, by selling the said Lot of Land, with the aforesaid improvements, and said Mill, and also paying the just debts—And that the Petitioners are now ready to exhibit an Account thereof to the Judge—Therefore praying the Legislature to take into their serious Consideration the peculiar difficulties which attended said Settlements being completed by a Young Woman, left in a new Country, without friends & unacquainted with Law, and the settling of Estates—And praying that the General Court, would

ratify and Authenticate the Sale and settlement aforesaid. The prayer of which Petition appearing to be reasonable.

Be it therefore Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same, that the settlement of the Estate of the said Daniel Greenwood be ratified and Confirmed, and the sale thereof is hereby fully authenticated ratified and confirmed, as absolutely as though the same had been conveyed by the Deed of the said Daniel Greenwood.

In the House of Representatives November 5th 1783.

Voted that the Selectmen of each Town and place within this State be directed to return under oath to the Assembly of this State at their next Session the exact number of of all male Polls of twenty one years of age and upwards paying for themselves a Poll Tax within said Towns & places in order to apportion the Representation for this State according to the new Constitution—

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives November 7th 1783.

Resolved that the Continental Loan officer in this State (for the time being) be directed to issue Certificates for the payment of Interest due on monies Loaned at his Office, and owned by the Citizens of this State computing the Same for as many full years as may be due on each respective certificate prior to the 28th day of February 1783. and that the said Loan officer first liquidate the Interest due on those Securities by the Continental scale of Depreciation, & that such Certificates be similar to the form prescribed for the Interest due on the Securities of this State & that he indorse the Same upon the said Loan Securities, which Certificates shall be received by the Respective collectors of Taxes within this State and at the Treasury equal to Gold and Silver for the payment of the Tax appropriated for that purpose for the Current year and in future—And if any difficulty shall arise in determining whether the person holding or possessing any such Certificate be entitled to receive the Interest thereon within the meaning of this Resolve it shall be incumbent on the claimant to produce the proof necessary to establish the claim, and if the evidence offered be not Sufficient to Satisfy the said Loan Officer the same shall be refered to the President of the State whose determination shall be final—

Council concurred same day.

[NINTH GENERAL COURT.]

[*Held at Concord and Exeter, Two Sessions, December 17, 1783,
to April 17, 1784.*]

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JOHN CALFE, CLERK OF THE HOUSE.

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Candia,	Nathan Batchelder
Canterbury and {	William White.
London, }	Jabez Hoyt.
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Deerfield and {	Seth Fogg.
Northwood, }	James Gray.
Epping,	
Epsom and {	
Chichester, }	

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Hawke and }	Abner Sanborn.
Sandown, }	Thomas Page.
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Kingston and }	John Eastman.
East Kingston, }	Daniel Runnells.
Londonderry,	Archibald McMurphy.
Newington,	Ephraim Pickering.
Newmarket,	Samuel Gilman.
North Hampton,	Moses Leavitt.
Nottingham,	Thomas Bartlett.
Pelham,	James Gibson.
Pembroke,	Samuel Daniel.
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Raymond,	George Gaines.
Rye,	John Pickering.
Salem,	John Dudley.
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and Newton, }	John Allen.
Stratham,	Benjamin Clough.
Windham,	Mark Wiggin.
	Gain Armor
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Conway,	David Page.
Dover,	John Waldron.
Durham,	James Calfe.
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and Barnstead, }	Charles Hodgdon.
Meredith and }	Ebenezer Smith.
Sanbornton, }	John McDuffee.
Rochester,	David Gilman.
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Amherst,	Thomas Burns.
Antrim	Robert Means.
and Deering, }	John Duncan.
Boscawen,	George Tackman.
Bow and	James Robinson.
Dunbarton, }	
Dublin and	Reuben Morse.
Marlborough, }	Jonathan Blanchard.
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Goffstown,	Robert Wallace.
Hillsborough	Daniel Emerson.
and Henniker, }	Aaron Greely.
Hollis,	Joseph Saunders.
Hopkinton,	Levi Spaulding.
Litchfield	Benjamin Moore.
and Derryfield, }	
Lyndeborough,	
Mason and }	
Raby,	
Merrimack }	Matthew Thornton
and Bedford, }	James Caldwell.
New Boston,	Ephraim Adams.
New Ipswich,	Samuel Marsh.
Nottingham West,	Matthew Pettingill.
Salisbury,	Matthew Wallace.
Temple and	Samuel Philbrick.
Peterborough, }	Philip Putnam.
Weare,	
Wilton,	

Cheshire County.

Charlestown,	John Hubbard.
Cornish,	Moses Chase.
Grantham	Nathan Young.
and Plainfield, }	
Hinsdale and	Samuel King.
Chesterfield, }	Benjamin Hall.
Keene,	Benjamin Giles.
Newport,	William Barker.
Packersfield,	Oliver Caprion.
Richmond,	William Smiley.
Rindge and }	
Jaffrey,	

Surry and }	Nathaniel S. Prentice.
Alstead, }	
Swanzey and }	Samuel Kendall.
Fitzwilliam, }	
Unity and }	Elijah Friuk.
Acworth, }	
Washington and }	Jacob Copeland.
Stoddard, }	
Winchester,	Simon Willard.

Grafton County.

Canaan and }	Caleb Church.
Cardigan, }	
Haverhill,	James Woodward.
Landaff,	John Young.
Lebanon }	Bezaleel Woodward.
and Hanover, }	
Lyme,	Ebenezer Green.
New Chester }	Enoch Noyes.
and Andover, }	
New Holderness,	Samuel Livermore.
Northumberland,	Joseph Whipple.
Orford,	John Mann.
Plymouth,	Francis Worcester.
Wentworth and }	
Warren. }	Obediah Clement.

[*First Session, Held at Concord, December 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 1783; January 1, 2, 3, 1784.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR DIVORCING DAVID CRAIGE OF LONDONDERRY IN
THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM GENTLEMAN AND ANN HIS
WIFE.

[Passed Dec. 27, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 30; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 493.]

Whereas David Graige of Londonderry in the County of Rockingham Gentleman and Ann his Wife have Petition'd the General Assembly of this State setting forth that great Jealousies and contents have subsisted between them for many Years, which have

prevented them from injoying any happiness in a married State ; and Praying that they might be divorced, and it also appearing to the Assembly, that her Criminal conduct has given such cause of uneasiness as renders the prospect of future happiness between them altogether improbable and that they have for Twelve Months last past lived in a State of seperation by consent.—

Therefore, Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted.—

That the bonds of Matrimony between the said David and the said Ann be and hereby are dissolved.

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR THE PARTITION OF CERTAIN LANDS HELD IN COMMON AND UNDIVIDED BY AND BETWEEN THOMAS MARTIN, JOHN PEIRCE, JOSEPH PIERCE AND THE HEIRS OF MARGARET GREEN DECEASED—

[Passed Dec. 31, 1783. Original Acts, vol 9, p. 31 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 497. See additional act of April 3, 1784.]

Whereas Thomas Martin and John Pierce of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham and State of Newhampshire, and Joseph Pierce of a place called the Gore in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid, have petitioned the General Assembly of this State, setting forth, that they were tenants in common of sundry tracts of land lying in divers parts of this State, with the heirs of Margaret Green late of Halifax deceased That, the said Thomas, John and Joseph owned almost fifteen sixteenths of said lands, and the said heirs, many of whom are minors and British Subjects, residing in England and Nova Scotia owned the other Sixteenth : That it was of very great importance to the said Thomas, John and Joseph to have the same lands divided : That they had during the course of the war been obliged to pay the taxes on the whole of said lands ; while disqualified from making sale of any part of said lands, which they might have occasion to sell, so as the purchasers might have a title thereto in severalty ; That as the lands lay in every County in the State, the common method for making partition of lands, as pointed out by the laws of the State, would be very troublesome and expensive.

Wherefore they prayed, that, a person or persons might be appointed to represent said heirs and in their behalf truly and impartially to make partition with the said Thomas, John and

Joseph, of the lands aforesaid. Which Petition being read and considered, and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable, Therefore, it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That Ebenezer Smith Esq^r be and hereby is appointed and impowered for and in behalf of said heirs to make a just and impartial partition of said lands, with the said Thomas Martin, John Peirce and Joseph Peirce, for which purpose the said Ebenezer Smith Esq^r is hereby fully authorized as Agent for said heirs to make execute and acknowledge good and sufficient partition deed or deeds of the lands which may be agreed to be the parts or shares of the said Thomas Martin, John Peirce and Joseph Peirce in the lands so held in common and undivided and to receive from the said Thomas Martin John Peirce & Joseph Peirce good and sufficient partition deed or deeds, in behalf of the said minors, of the part or share that may be agreed to be severed and set off for their use in the lands aforesaid, which said partition deeds being so made and executed shall be effectual in law and binding on all the said Tenants in common of the lands aforesaid.—

And Whereas by such severance of the said lands now held in common, the right which said Tenants in common might have, of prosecuting for any trespass or trespasses committed on said lands while held in common, may be destroyed, to prevent which, it is hereby further Enacted by the authority afor^d that after partition of said lands be made as aforesaid, the person or persons to whom any part or parts thereof shall be divided and set off, on which any trespass or trespasses may have been committed before such partition made, such person or persons their heirs, executors, or administrators shall have a right to prosecute in his or their own name or names any action or actions proper in law for the recovery of damages for any trespass or trespasses which may have been committed on the part or parts of the land, that may be set off to him or them in the division of said lands.—Any law, custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding—And it is hereby further Enacted by the authority aforesaid that prior to the making partition of said lands, the said petitioners shall cause the substance and design of said Act to be published three weeks successively in the Newhampshire Gazette, the expence whereof as well as the cost of making said partition shall be paid by said Petitioners.—

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ENOCH HALE TO BUILD AND KEEP A BRIDGE
OVER CONNECTICUT RIVER.

[Passed Dec. 31, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 32; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 495. See additional act of June 15, 1797.]

Whereas Enoch Hale of Rindge in the County of Cheshire and State aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Assembly of said State for the liberty and privilege of building and keeping a bridge over Connecticut River at the great falls, called Bellows's falls, in or near the Town of Walpole in said State, and to have the exclusive right and privilege for that purpose of said River from the upper end of said falls to a rock opposite to a line between Land of S^d Hale & John Hubbard Esq^r and that the same might be a toll bridge and under proper regulations for public convenience. The prayer of which petition appearing reasonable and the granting of the same to be of public utility.—Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, and it is hereby enacted by the Authority of the same that, the exclusive right and privilege of building and keeping a bridge over said River any where between the upper end of said falls and the rock aforesaid in said falls, be, and hereby is granted, and conveyed, to the said Enoch Hale, his heirs and assigns forever, And that the said Enoch Hale, his heirs and Assigns shall be entitled to, and have the exclusive right of receiving from any person or persons, who may have occasion to pass over the same Bridge, either by themselves or with horses Carriages, cattle or creatures of any kind, or any other thing, such toll or pay therefor as the Justices of the Quarter Sessions of the peace in said County may from time to time allow and order for ferrymen over said River—And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the said Enoch Hale his heirs and assigns shall be and hereby are subjected to like penalties and forfeitures for any neglect in keeping said Bridge in constant repair, or for not giving good and ready attendance to Passengers as Ferrimen are or may be liable to, by the laws of this State or such as may be made for the regulations for Ferrimen within the same—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT IMPOWERING THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF ANTRIM
TO ASSESS THE LANDS WITHIN SAID TOWN FOR THE PURPOSE
OF BUILDING A MEETING HOUSE & PURCHASING A MINISTERIAL
LOT

[Passed Dec. 31, 1783. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 33; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 493.]

Whereas a petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of Antrim in the County of Hillsboro requesting that a tax may be granted them on all the Lands in said Antrim for the purpose of building a Meeting house & purchasing a Ministerial Lot for reasons mentioned in said petition. And publick notice having been given to all parties concerned to make objections if any they had to the contrary. And the said petitioners being heard thereon, & the prayer of said petition appearing reasonable & Just—

Be it Therefore enacted by the Council & House of Representatives in general Court Assembled & by the authority of the same, that the Selectmen for said town of Antrim be impowered & they are hereby impowered to Assess the Lands in said Antrim at the rate of one penny for each Acre of Land in said Antrim, & that the Collector or Collectors of said Antrim be impowered to levy & collect the same & to pay it to the Selectmen of said Antrim or their Successors for the purposes aforesaid & for no other purpose whatever. And the said tax shall be made in one entire list by itself, & not blended with any other tax whatever, & shall express the name of the Owner of the land taxed if known, with the number of Acres, & some brief description of the Lot. And where the Owner is not known, the lot & number of Acres shall be described with the name of the original Owner thereof. And the same shall be collected, in the same manner as is prescribed for collecting publick taxes on Lands of Nonresidents by the laws now in force in this State. And the same tax of one penny an Acre as aforesaid shall be continued for the space of three years & no longer.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A
FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF CONNECTICUT RIVER IN
JOHN HUBBARD OF CHARLESTOWN HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS

[Passed Dec. 31, 1783. Original Acts, vol 9, p. 34; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 494.]

Whereas the said Hubbard hath Petitioned the General Assembly, praying that the exclusive Privilege of keeping a ferry within certain limits hereafter mentioned may be granted him his Heirs and Assigns the prayer of which Petition appearing reasonable Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same, that the sole and exclusive Right and Priviledge of keeping a ferry over Connecticut River in any place between the mouth of cold River in the Township of Walpole and a Large Rock in Bellows' Falls being the Boundary between the said Hubbards and Enoch Hales. Land be and hereby is vested in him the said John Hubbard his Heirs and Assigns he and they giveing Bond from time to time with surety in the sum of One Hundred Pounds to the Clerk of General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cheshire that the said Ferry shall be constantly attended and well kept—

And be it farther enacted by the Authority Aforsaid that if any person or persons shall for hire or reward Transport over said River within the Limits before mentioned any person Creature or thing such Person so transporting shall forfeit and pay to the said Hubbard his Heirs and Assigns the sum of forty shillings for each person Creature or thing so transported to be recovered by Action of Debt before any Court proper to try the Same

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR GRANTING TO THE UNITED STATES IN CONGRESS ASSEMBLED, CERTAIN IMPOSTS AND DUTIES UPON FOREIGN GOODS IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE, AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF THE DEBT CONTRACTED IN THE PROSECUTION OF THE LATE WAR WITH GREAT BRITAIN.

[Passed Jan. 2, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 35; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 499. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 307. See act of April 6, 1781. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the raising money Sufficient to discharge this State's quota of the Debt contracted in support of the war with Great Britain, by taxing the Polls and estates of the people appears to be impracticable; and it also appearing that impost duties, unless universally agreed to by all the States, cannot be managed by this State alone without great inconvenience: Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the Authority of the same. That there be and there hereby is granted to the united States in Congress assembled, power to levy within this State, for the use of the united States the following duties upon goods imported into this State from any foreign port, Island or plantation—That is to say,

Upon all rum of Jamaica proof per Gallon four ninetieths of a Dollar.

Upon all other Spirituous liquors Three Ninetieths of a Dollar per Gallon.

Upon every gallon of Madeira wine Twelve Ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every gallon of all other wines, Six ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every pound of common Bohea Tea Six Ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every pound of other India Tea Twenty four Ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every pound of Pepper Three Ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every pound of brown Sugar half a Ninetieth of a Dollar

Upon every pound of loaf Sugar two Ninetieths of a Dollar

Upon every pound of all other Sugars one Ninetieth of a Dollar

Upon every gallon of Molasses one Ninetieth of a Dollar

Upon every pound of Cocoa and Coffee one Ninetieth of a Dollar

And upon all other goods a Duty of five per centum ad valorem at the time and place of importation ; to be collected under such regulations as the united States in Congress Assembled Shall direct, provided such regulations do not extend so far as to Subject any citizen of this State to be carried out of the same for trial, or to compel him to answer to any Action without the State, or to deprive him of a trial According to the constitution and laws of this State, or to convict him criminally without a trial by Jury, or his own voluntary confession in open Court, or to impose excessive fines, or to inflict punishments which are either cruel or unusual in this State, or to break open any dwelling-house, Store, or warehouse, at any other than the day time, and between the rising and the setting of the sun or then without a Warrant from a lawful Magistrate, and issued upon the Oath of the party requesting the same. And also provided that the trial on all Seizures and questions under this Act, shall be before the Court of Common pleas in the several Counties within this State, where such seizures shall be made and such questions arise ; and from the Judgment of the said Court either party shall be allowed an appeal to the Superior Court of Judicature of this State, before whom a trial shall in all cases be final ; and that in no case a forfeiture shall exceed the goods seized. And it is further provided that the collectors of the said Duties shall be Appointed by the President & Council of this State, which Collectors when so appointed shall be Accountable to and removable by the United States in Congress assembled alone ; and in case of the death, resignation, or removal of any Collector, a Successor shall be appointed within Thirty days after the United States in Congress assembled shall give notice for that purpose, by the President & Council ; and if in any case the President & Council shall neglect to supply a Vacancy occasioned as aforesaid, power is hereby given to the united States in Congress assembled to supply and fill the same with some Citizen of this State. Provided also that none of the said duties shall be applied to any other purpose than the discharge of the interest or principal of the debts contracted on the faith of the united states for the supporting the late war, and that an Annual account of the proceeds and application of the aforementioned revenue shall be made out and transmitted to this State, distinguishing the pounds of each of the Specified Articles, and the amount of the whole revenue received from each State together with the Allowances to the Several Officers employed in the collection of the said revenue.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That this Act shall be in force and begin to operate, as soon as the united States in Congress assembled shall Notify the General Court of this State, that all the other States in the Confederation have passed Acts granting to the united States in Congress assembled

like duties to be appropriated in like manner, and for the Space of Twenty five years; and that it shall continue in force from that time for the Space of Twenty five years, in the Nature of a grant Sacred and irrevocable by any one or more of them without the concurrence of the whole, or of a Majority of the United States in Congress assembled. Provided that the monies arising from the said revenue, and other Monies that may be appropriated for the like purposes, be not Sufficient to discharge the said principal debt & interest before the said term of twenty five years is expired.

And be it further enacted, That an act made in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven Hundred & Eighty one intituled "An Act to Authorize the Congress of the united States of America to levy a duty not exceeding five per Cent upon goods imported into, and prizes condemned within this State" be, and the same hereby is repealed and declared null and void.

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ANNEX PART OF CANTERBURY AND LOUDON TO THE PARISH OF CONCORD

[Passed Jan. 2, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 36; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 501.]

Whereas John Hoit and others have petitioned the General Court setting forth that they live upon a Gore of Land formerly claimed by the Proprietors of Rumford and Canterbury, that when said Rumford was incorporated in the year 1765 by the Name of Concord they were left to said Canterbury, since which time said Proprietors of Rumford & Canterbury have amicably settled said dispute, and that by the late division of Canterbury they were all (except one) set off to the Parish of Loudon, that they are situated at a great Distance from the Meeting House in said Loudon which makes it very inconvenient for them to be connected therewith and praying that said Gore of Land, containing about one Thousand and fifty acres lying at the northeasterly corner of said Rumford with the Inhabitants thereon may be dissevered from said Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to the Parish of Concord; of which due notice has been given and no Objection has been made:

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the abovementioned Gore of Land, containing about One Thousand and fifty Acres, lying at the Northeasterly corner

of said Rumford, but now within the Corporations of Canterbury and Loudon be dissevered from said Canterbury and Loudon and annexed to the Parish of Concord. And the Inhabitants of said Gore of Land together with the Inhabitants of said Parish of Concord are invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights Privileges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds and enjoys, to hold to said Inhabitants and their Successors forever.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid that the Parish of Concord be henceforth called the Town of Concord any Law Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 8.]

*State of
New Hampshire.*

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT OF THIS STATE INTITLED "AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT PASSED NOVEMBER THE TWENTY EIGHTH ONE THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY ONE ENTITLED AN ACT FOR PREVENTING THE SUBJECTS OF HIS BRITTANNIC MAJESTY AND ALL OTHER PERSONS INIMICAL TO THE UNITED STATES OF NORTHAMERICA FROM PROSECUTING ACTIONS SERVING AS JURORS OR ACTING AS TOWN OFFICERS WITHIN THIS STATE" PASSED THE 21st DAY OF JUNE A. D. 1782.

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 37; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 503. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 311.]

Whereas the happy event of peace with Great Britain has rendered the said Act unnecessary,

Be it therefore enacted by the Council & Assembly and it is hereby enacted that the said additional Act be and hereby is repealed.

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT, ENTITLED AN ACT, FOR
 THE EASE AND RELIEF OF PRISONERS FOR DEBT

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 38; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 504. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 310; id. Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 63. Repealed June 20, 1792. The act referred to is dated June 21, 1782.]

Whereas in and by said Act it is among other things enacted that such prisoner for debt on execution under certain circumstances might petition the court awarding such execution or in time of vacation any two of the Justices of said Court who might admit such prisoner to an oath prescribed by said Act and discharge him out of prison And whereas great inconvenience sometimes happens by such Justices being remote and out of the county where such prisoner is detained in Goal. For remedy whereof be it enacted by the Council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted that any two Justices of the inferiour court of common pleas in the county where such prisoner is detained in Goal for debt as in said Act is set forth, shall and may exercise all and singular the powers and Authority in said Act prescribed to be used by the Justices of the court from which the execution issued for releiving such prisoner and for discharging him out of Goal. And the benefit of said act shall be extended as well to prisoners for debt on execution from a Justice of the peace, as to any others prisoners whatever by any two Justices of the inferiour court of common pleas of the county as aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO REPEAL AN ACT, INTITLED AN ACT "TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED RELHAN, IN THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON"—

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 39; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 507. The act referred to is dated Aug. 18, 1778.]

Whereas the Inhabitants of Enfield alias Relhan have petitioned the General Court setting forth that at the last Session of the late General Court, they preferred their petition—Setting forth—that

some Years ago—One Nathanael Hovey with a few other persons, petitioned the then General Assembly, for an Incorporation of a Township of Land, called by a *Re-Grant—Relhan*—and obtained the same, without giving notice to the Inhabitants which Township was first granted and incorporated by the name of *Enfield*—That the Inhabitants of said Township have all settled under the Enfield Charter, and are desirous of continuing the same And therefore prayed that the Act incorporating said Township by the Name of *Relhan* might be repealed—The prayer of which petition was then granted, and the petitioners had leave to bring in a Bill accordingly—That before said petitioners, had time to prepare a bill for that purpose, the then General Court adjourned without day

Therefore prayed the present General Court, to grant them leave to bring in their said Bill, to this Court which facts appeared to be true, and the prayer of said Inhabitants to be reasonable

Therefore

Be it enacted, by the Council & House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That the said Act be & hereby is repealed.

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING SUNDRY ARTICLES IN THE TABLE OF FEES NOW ESTABLISHED AND USED IN THIS STATE.

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784, Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 40; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 503. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 309; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 91. See act of Jan. 16, 1787. See act of Feb. 8, 1791, Laws, 1792 ed., p. 110. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas sundry articles in the table of fees now established and used in this state are found to be too high

Be it therefore enacted by the council and Assembly and it is hereby enacted, that the following regulation respecting fees be established for the future that is to say every plaintiff in his bill of cost in case or cases where the defendant makes no appearance or defence but is defaulted shall be allowed no more travelling fees than for what he travels within the County where the court is held, in the most usual way of travelling from the place where he lives to the court. And no sherriff or other officer serving a writ or execution shall be allowed for more than fifty miles travel in serving and returning the same and no more shall be allowed by way of poundage in serving executions than six pence on the pound for the first twenty Pounds, three pence on the pound for

the second twenty pounds and two pence from forty pounds to an Hundred Pounds and one penny on the pound for all above any law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR APPRIZING PERSONAL ESTATE TAKEN BY EXECUTION.

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 41; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 505. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 310. See act of June 23, 1779.]

Whereas the selling at vendue personal estate taken by execution in many instances during the present extreem scarcity of mony proves oppressive to poor debtors. And whereas due satisfaction may be made to creditors by such personal estate being delivered to them at an apprizd value

Be it therefore enacted by the councill and assembly and it is hereby enacted that henceforth no personal estate taken by execution in any case between debtor and creditor shall be sold at vendue by the sherriff or other officer serving such execution to satisfy the same but the same personal estate so taken shall be apprizd off by three indifferent credible freeholders under oath to be appointed in the same manner as apprizers are appointed to aprize real estate to satisfy execution, and the same shall be delivered to the creditor towards satisfying the execution in whole or in part as the case may be allowing for incidental charges. And the said apprizers shall be entitled to have & receive at the rate of two pence per pound each for their services in making the apprizment and no more

This act to continue and be in force for the term of three years & no longer.

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
 { *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT FOR THE MORE SPEEDY RECOVERY OF SMALL DEBTS,
 AND TO SAVE THE COST USUALLY ATTENDING THE RECOVERY
 THEREOF IN THE PRESENT COURSE OF THE LAW

[Passed Jan. 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 42; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 506. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 306. See act of Nov. 9, 1785. See additional act of Dec. 16, 1796.]

Whereas the common and ordinary method of recovering small Debts proves very burdensome to poor Debtors Be it Enacted and it is hereby Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened that any person or persons who shall voluntarily appear before any Justice of the peace in the county where he she or they do live, and confess that he she or they do Justly owe and stand Indebted to any other person or persons in any Sum not exceeding Ten pounds and that such person or persons consent that a record thereof be made and Execcution issued accordingly or be stayed for such time as may be agreed by the parties. the Justice is hereby authorized and directed to make a fair record of such a Confession and agreement and to order the person or persons so confessing and likewise the Creditor to sign the same and the Justice shall enter up Judgment thereon and issue Execcution according to such Judgment and such Justice shall enter on the evidence of the demand the sum for which Judgment was confessed together with the time and place of doing the same and keep the same in a proper file for that purpose—

And be it farther Enacted that such execcution may be served on the debtors person or estate real or personal in the same manner as execcutions issued by award of the inferiour or Superiour courts which shall also be duly returned and the return entered under the Judgment on which it was issued this Act to continue and be in force for the term of three Years and no longer

In the House of Representatives December 19th 1783.

Voted that Col^o Toppan, M^r Atkinson, Col^o Peabody Col^o Smith, Col^o Gilman, M^r Duncan, Col^o Thornton, M^r Giles, M^r Hall, M^r Worster & M^r Woodward with such of the Hon^{ble} Board as they shall join be a Committee to consider of and make the Necessary arrangements for the New Constitution taking place & lay the same before this House—

Council concurred same day and joined M^r Bartlett, M^r McClary, M^r Folsom M^r Frost, M^r Hale, M^r Blood & M^r Dow.

In the House of Representatives December 25th, 1783.

Voted that the Form of the Precepts to be sent to the several Towns & places in this State for the Purpose of Choosing a President and Senators for this State be as follows (viz)

The State of New Hampshire

To the Select men of _____ in our County of _____

Greeting

You are hereby required to Notify and warn the male Inhabitants of twenty one years of age, paying each one for himself a poll tax in said _____ giving them fifteen days notice to meet at Some convenient place in _____ aforesaid Some time in the month of March next to vote for a President for said State, & for _____ Senators for the County of _____ aforesaid in the manner and with the qualifications respectively required and set forth in the new Constitution, to serve in the Offices aforesaid one year from the first Wednesday of June next.—A fair Copy of the number of votes for each Person as President you are to seal up in one paper, & those for Senators in a Separate paper properly superscribed, and cause the Same together with this writ to be transmitted to the Sherriffs of our said County of _____ or Secretary of our said State agreeably to the directions of said Constitution,

President
Speaker

By order of Council & Assembly
Secretary—

Council concurred same day.

In the House of Representatives December 25th, 1783.

Voted that the form of the precept to be sent to the Several Towns and places in this State for the purpose of choosing Representatives for this State, agreeably to the new Constitution be as follows (viz)

The State of New Hampshire

To the Select men of _____ in our County of _____

Greeting

You are hereby required to notify and warn the male Inhabitants of twenty one years of age & upwards paying each one for himself a Poll Tax in _____ giving them fifteen days notice, to meet at some convenient place in _____ Some time in March next, to elect by ballot _____ Person—qualified agreeably to the directions of our new Constitution to represent said _____ in the General Assembly to be held at _____ on the first Wednesday of June next—And the person so elected you are to notify to attend at said time and place, and make return of this writ with your doings thereon into the Secretarys office by the said first Wednesday of June next—

President
Speaker

By order of Council & Assembly
Secretary

Council concurred same day.

[*Second Session, Held at Exeter, March 30, 31; April 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 1784.*]

[CHAPTER 1.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire }

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED, AN ACT "FOR THE PARTITION OF CERTAIN LANDS HELD IN COMMON AND UNDIVIDED BY AND BETWEEN THOMAS MARTIN, JOHN PEIRCE, AND JOSEPH PEIRCE, AND THE HEIRS OF MARGARET GREEN DECEASED"

[Passed April 3, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 43; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 514. The act referred to is dated Dec. 31, 1783.]

Whereas Ann Wife of the said Thomas Martin in whose Right alone, he is seized in Common of the Lands mentioned in said Act, is not named therein, nor the Agent for the Heirs of the said Margaret Green impowered thereby to make Partition of said Land with the said Thomas Martin and Ann his Wife, nor authorized to receive partition Deeds from the said Thomas Martin and Ann his Wife of her Right in the Lands which may be severed and set off for the use of said Heirs for their part in the Division of said Lands. And whereas the said Agent is only authorized in and by said Act to receive Partition Deeds of said Lands for the Use of the Minors therein mentioned, and not for the Use of all said Heirs, and those claiming under them, or any of them, according to the Intent and Design of said Partition—To supply and remedy said Defects, Therefore be it enacted, and it is hereby enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened that the said Agent be and hereby is fully impowered and enabled to make partition of said Lands, in behalf of said Heirs and those claiming under them, or any of them, with the said Thomas Martin and Ann his Wife in her Right, as well as with the said John Peirce and Joseph Peirce in their Rights, and to receive Partition Deeds from them for the Use not only of said Minors but for the Use of said Heirs and those claiming under them or any of them, And to do and transact every other matter and thing touching the making and perfecting Partition of said Lands among the Owners thereof as though the same had been expressly mentioned in said Act, any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.—

[CHAPTER 2.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO PREVENT THE DESTRUCTION OF SALMON SHAD &
ALEWIVES IN MERRIMACK RIVER

[Passed April 9, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 44; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 508. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 313. See additional act of June 26, 1786. Repealed by the act of Feb. 6, 1789.]

Whereas the fishery of salmon shad and alewives in Merrimack river and the waters falling thereinto (if preserved) may be of great use to the inhabitants of this state as well as to the state of Massachusetts who have passed an act for the preservation thereof

Be it therefore enacted by the council and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted that no person or persons whatsoever shall catch kill or destroy any salmon shad or alewife in Merrimack river or in any of the waters falling thereinto within this state except on tuesdays wednesdays and thursdays upon penalty of two pounds to be recovered by bill plaint or information or indictment of the grand jury in any court proper to try the same for each fish so caught killed or destroyed: the one half of said forfeiture or penalty to be for the use of the prosecutor & the other half for the use of this state.

And no person or persons whatsoever shall within the months of May June September & October annually erect or build any mill dam or other obstruction whatsoever upon or across the said river merrimack or any of the streams or waters runing into the same where the said fish or any of them usually pass or where they have heretofore usually passed nor shall continue any such milldam or other obstruction as aforesaid within the months aforesaid whensoever the same was built so as to hinder the free course and passage of said fish or any of them upon the penalty of twenty pounds to be recovered and applied as aforesaid.

[CHAPTER 3.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN LANDS IN JEHU JONES.

[Passed April 13, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 45; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 510.]

Whereas Jehu Jones of Canaan in the County of Grafton and State of New Hampshire, Yeoman hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth that Aaron Cady Jun^r one of the grantees of said Canaan, by deed, conveyed his right of land in said Canaan, to one Josiah Gates, and that said Gates by deed conveyed said land to him the said Jones and that neither of said deeds were put upon record—That on the seventh day of December anno Domini one thousand, seven hundred and seventy five, the dwelling house, furniture & papers of him the said Jones, were all consumed by fire, among which were the two deeds aforesaid—That the said Cady had absconded, and not been heard of for a number of years. And therefore prayed that said Cady's right, interest & Share of land in said Canaan, might be secured, to him the said Jehu Jones, his heirs & assigns forever—And upon a hearing, the aforesaid facts being proved, and the prayer of said petition, appearing reasonable and Just, and no person offered any objection—why it should not be granted—

Therefore—

Be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted,—that the right of Land in said Canaan which belonged to the said Aaron Cady Jun^r be and it hereby is vested in the said Jehu Jones as an estate of Inheritance in fee simple, to him the said Jehu Jones, his heirs & assigns forever—

[CHAPTER 4.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT TO ENABLE JOHN PAUL JONES ESQ^r TO RE ENTER
 AN ACTION BROUGHT AGAINST HIM BY EBENEZER HOGG
 & JUDGMENT OBTAINED THEREON BY DEFAULT AND TO
 EMPOWER THE SAID JONES TO HAVE A HEARING UPON THE
 MERITS OF THE SAID ACTION.

[Passed April 13, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 46; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 511. See article by Otis G. Hammond, *Granite Monthly*, vol. 35, p. 96.]

Whereas John Sullivan of Durham in the County of Strafford Esq^r in behalf of himself and John Paul Jones Esq^r hath petitioned the General assembly Setting forth that on the Day of said Jones's departure from Portsmouth after his Quitting the Command of the ship America he was arrested at the suit of Ebenezer Hogg of Boston in the County of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts mariner for wages due to the said Hogg for Services done on board a Ship of war which the said Jones commanded in the service of the united States That the said Sullivan became bail to the original writ and upon a Supposition that no Judgment could be given against the said Jones as he was then in the Actual Service of the united states he the Said Sullivan did not appear to make Defence against said Action, as attorney to said Jones by reason whereof Judgment was Entered against the said Jones by Default, at the Inferior Court held at Amherst for the County of Hillsborough, on the first Tuesday of April 1783 and praying to be Let, in to dispute the merits of the said Action the Aforesaid Judgment notwithstanding which request appearing reasonable.—

Be it Therefore Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives & by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted That, the said John Paul Jones be & he hereby is impowered to re Enter the said Action at the Inferior Court of common pleas next to be holden at Amherst within and for the County of Hillsborough on the first Tuesday of July next & have full power to try the merits of the said Action as though no Judgment had been given thereon and in the same manner as though the said Action was originally commenced at the same Inferior Court to be holden at Amherst, on the first Tuesday of July as aforesaid and that the aforesaid Judgment thereon obtained by default as aforesaid be & hereby is reversed annulled and made void as though the same had never been given—

provided nevertheless that in Case the said Hogg should recover final Judgment thereon the said sullivan shall be held answerable as Bail to the Said Action for one Year after final Judgment & that the said Hogg shall have Liberty to tax the Costs of his former Judgment with the Costs which he may hereafter recover in addition thereto.

[CHAPTER 5.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE A PLACE CALLED PERRY'S TOWN IN THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH.—

[Passed April 13, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 47; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 516.]

Whereas a Petition has been preferred to the General Court in behalf of the Inhabitants of a Tract of Land called Perry's Town in the County of Hillsborough setting forth, that they labour under great Inconveniences for want of an Incorporation; of which public Notice has been given, and no Objection has been made—:

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representative in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That there be, and hereby is a Township erected and Incorporated by the Name of Sutton, containing all the Lands and bounded as set forth in the Charter or Grant of said Perry's Town, which is as follows viz^t beginning at a Beach Tree on the Line of Number One (so called) one Hundred and fifty six Poles due North from the mouth of a Brook which runs into Almbury River (so called) from thence running North sixteen Degrees West seven Miles and eighty Poles to a large Hemlock standing on the Top of a Hill, thence West five Degrees South, five Miles to a Beach Tree marked with Stones about it, thence South sixteen Degrees East seven Miles and eighty Poles to a White Oak Tree marked on the Line of Number two (so called) thence East five Degrees North five Miles to the Place began at. And the Inhabitants of said Tract of Land are hereby erected into a Body-Politic and Corporate to have Continuance and Succession forever, and invested with all the Powers and enfranchised with all the Rights, Priviledges and Immunities which any Town in this State holds and enjoys, to hold to said Inhabitants and their Successors forever.

And M^r Ebenezer Kezar is hereby authorized to call a meeting of said Inhabitants to choose necessary and customary Town Officers, giving fourteen Days notice of the Time Place and Design

of such Meeting, and the Officers then chosen shall hereby be invested with all the Powers of such Officers in any other Town in this State ; and every other Meeting which shall be Annually held in said Town for that Purpose, shall be on the first Monday of March forever.—

[CHAPTER 6.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ALTERING THE TIME OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL
MEETING IN THE TOWN OF SURRY

[Passed April 13, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 48 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 518.]

Whereas Application hath been made to the Gen^l Court by the Town of Surry by their petition Setting fourth that many inconveniences attend the holding the Annual Meeting in Said Town so Late as the Last Tuesday in March as by their charter they are Oblig^d to do. And it appearing Reasonable that the time for holding the same Annual Meeting be altered

Therefore be it enacted by the Council and house of Representatives in General Court Assembled and it is hereby enacted by the Authority aforesaid that in future the Annual Town meeting in the Town of Surry Shall be held on the first Monday in March Annually any Law, Usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 7.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO VEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A
FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF CONNECTICUT RIVER IN
JONATHAN CHASE ESQUIRE OF CORNISH HIS HEIRS AND
ASSIGNS.

[Passed April 14, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 49 ; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 521.]

Whereas the said Jonathan Chase Esquire hath petitioned the General Court representing that he has been at great Cost and Trouble in fixing a Ferry over Connecticut River from Cornish to

Windsor and in making a Road through his own Land to said Ferry for public Use: And praying that the exclusive Privilege of keeping said Ferry may be vested in Him his Heirs and Assigns, which representation appearing just and the Prayer of said Petition reasonable:

Be it therefore enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That the sole and exclusive Right and Privilege of keeping a Ferry over said River Connecticut from the Southwest Corner of the Governor's Farm (so called) in said Cornish to the Southwest Corner of said Cornish, be and hereby is granted to and vested in Him the said Jonathan Chase his Heirs and Assigns forever, He the said Chase giving Bond with Surety in the Sum of one Thousand Pounds to the Clerk of the General Sessions of the Peace for the County of Cheshire that the said Ferry shall be constantly attended and well kept, according to the Laws of this State which are or shall be made for the Regulation of Ferries.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person or Persons shall for Hire or Reward transport over said River within the Limits above described any Person Creature or Thing, such Person or Persons so transporting shall forfeit and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings, one half to the said Jonathan Chase his Heirs or Assigns and the other half to the County where such Offence is committed for each Person Creature or Thing so transported, to be recovered by Action of Debt before any Justice of the Peace within the said County.—

[CHAPTER 8.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO CONFIRM TO MATTHEW THORNTON ESQ^r HIS HEIRS,
& ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO THE FERRY OVER MERRIMACK
RIVER CALLED LUTWYCHE'S FERRY.

[Passed April 14, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 50; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 519.]

Whereas Matthew Thornton of Merrimack in the County of Hillsborough, & State Aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth that Cap^t Jonathan Cumings the former owner of the Lot of Land, on which the said Thornton now lives, & of which he is now the Owner, kept, & injoyed A Ferry, over said River, & Received to the use of the said Cumings, Ferriage for the transporting people, Cattle, & things, & that all those

Holding said Lot under the Said Cumings have held, & enjoyed the Said Ferry, Untill the said Lutwyche became An Absentee, Since which time the Owners of said Lot had been interrupted in the injoyment of Said Ferry that the Said Thornton had purchased the right to Said Ferry with A prospect of having the Same Confirmed to him his heirs, & Assigns, & that Such Confirmation would be of public utility.—

Wherefore he prayed the Exclusive right to said ferry, Might be Confirmed & Secured to him, his heirs & Assigns. After notice given, & full hearing it Appearing that the Granting the prayer of said petition would be just & Reasonable, & of public benefit,—

Therefore, Be it Enacted by the Council, & House of Representatives, for said State in General Assembly Convened, & by the Authority of the Same, that the Sole, & Exclusive privilege of Keeping a Ferry, over Said River in any part thereof within two Miles Above, or Below the said Matthew Thornton's now Dwelling house in Merrimack, be & are hereby Confirmed to, & vested in the said Matthew Thornton, his heirs, & Assigns forever, he Giving Bond, with Surity, in the Sum of One thousand pound to the Clerk of the Sessions of the peace for the County of Hillsborough, that said Ferry Shall be Constantly Attended, & well kept, According to the Laws of this State, that now are, or Shall be made for the Regulation of Ferries.—

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid That if any person, or persons, Shall for hire, or Reward, transport over said River, within the limits of said Ferry, any person, Creature, or thing, any, & every person, So Offending Shall forfeit & pay, the Sum of forty Shillings for every person, Creature, or thing so Transported, one half for the use of the County where the Offence is Committed, the other half for the use of the said Matthew Thornton, his heirs, or Assigns, to be Recovered by Action of Debt, before any justice of the Peace, or Court of Law proper to try the Same.—

[CHAPTER 9.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ANNUAL TOWN-MEETING HELD
IN CROYDON ON THE SECOND TUESDAY IN MARCH: A D:
1783.

[Passed April 15, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 51; Recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 524.]

Whereas the Select-Men of the Town of Croydon by their Petition, represent that their Annual Town-Meeting held on the

Second Tuesday of March 1783, was Illegal by reason the Voters for Town Officers, were not duly qualified, having neglected to take the Oath of Fidelity, and Praying that the doings of said Meeting be Established so as to Enable them to Collect State and County Taxes, and the request of said Petition being thought reasonable, Therefore

Be it Enacted, by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled, and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That the doings of the Inhabitants of the Town of Croydon at their Annual Meeting on the second Tuesday of March 1783, so far as they relate to the choice of Town Officers, be and hereby are declared to be valid any Law usage or custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 10.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO RESTORE ISAAC STEVENS TO HIS LAW IN A CERTAIN ACTION

[Passed April 15, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 52; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 527.]

Whereas Isaac Stevens of Piermont in the County of Grafton & State of New Hamp^s Yeoman hath petitioned the General Court—Setting forth That William Duty of Salem in the County of Rockingham Cooper, commenced an action against him the said Stevens to be heard and tried before the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas, held at Portsmouth on the first tuesday of Nov^r—1783—That, he the said Stevens intending to contest said Action, imployed Counsel for that purpose but by some means he the said Stevens was defaulted, contrary to his expectations & greatly to his damage, and that said Action now stands continued, at the inferior Court of Common pleas to be holden at said Portsmouth on the first tuesday of May next and prayed that the Justices of said Court might be authorized to take off said default, & that he the said Stevens might be let in to dispute the merits of said Action—which, on a hearing, appeared to be reasonable— Therefore

Be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives of said State in General Assembly convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby enacted, That the Justices of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas to be holden at Portsmouth in and for the County of Rockingham on the first Tuesday of May one thousand Seven hundred & Eighty four, be and they hereby are authorized and

directed at said Court, to take off said default, and Admit said Stevens to come in and dispute the merits of said Duty's Action aforesaid in as full & ample manner as tho' said Action were to be entered at said Court—any law, usage, or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding

[CHAPTER 11.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ENABLE ANNE SIMES TO SELL CERTAIN LANDS IN BEHALF OF HER CHILDREN UNDER AGE.—

[Passed April 15, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 53; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 525.]

Whereas Anne Simes of Portsmouth in the County of Rockingham & State aforesaid Widow, hath petitioned the General Court, setting forth, that her children, Anna Simes, Hannah Simes, Joseph Simes, George Simes, & William Cardogan Simes, own certain lands in Middleton and Conway, in the county of Strafford and State aforesaid, which were set off to them in the division of the estate of their father Joseph Simes, deceased Intestate—That as all said children are under the age of twenty one years and some of them very young, and as most of the said lands are wild and uncultivated and the profits insufficient to pay the Taxes assessed thereon—and as it was necessary to sell the same for the support of said children while minors—Wherefore she prayed, that She might be enabled to sell and convey the same lands and apply the monies arising from the Sale thereof for the support of said children—After public notice thereof given, and hearing thereon had, the prayer of the petition appeared just and reasonable

Therefore Be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, and it is Enacted by the authority of the same, That the said Anne Simes be & hereby is empowered and enabled to sell and convey all the right, title and interest of all and every of said Children in and to said lands and apply the monies arising from y^e Sale, for the support of said children. In order to accomplish which design, the said Anne Simes is hereby fully authorized to make, execute and acknowledge, any deed or deeds in due form of Law, to the purchaser or purchasers of said lands, of the right, title and interest of said children therein.

Provided the said Anne Simes shall prior to the said intended Sale, give Bond with sufficient sureties to the Judge of Probate &c for said county of Rockingham for the faithful discharge of the trust hereby reposed in her.

[CHAPTER 12.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO IMPOWER THE EXECUTORS OF THE LAST WILL AND
TESTAMENT OF SAMUEL WALTON DECEASED TO SELL THE
REVERSION OF HIS WIDOW'S DOWER.

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 54; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 552.]

Whereas Moses Carr of Somersworth in the County of Strafford and State aforesaid Esq^r hath petitioned the General Court setting forth that in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four Samuel Walton of said Somersworth died leaving a Widow and Children, That the said Walton left a Will and appointed said Widow, George Walton and said Petitioner Executors thereof; That in said Will he ordered his debts to be paid, a small legacy to each of his Children, and the residue of said Estate to his Wife, which Will was proved and approved according to law; and an appraisment was made agreeably thereto; That all the lands belonging to said Estate were under mortgage, in consequence of which said Executors represented said Estate insolvent and had Commissioners appointed to receive and examine the claims thereon conformable to law; And that said Widow finding her bequest not equal to one third part of said Estate, applied to the Judge of probate for her dower who accordingly order'd it set off; And that said Widow has since sold her right in said dower and also that many difficulties have arisen in the course of Administration Wherefore he prayed that the General Court would authorise and empower him to sell and dispose of the reversion in said Dower, that he may be enabled to pay of the Creditors to said Estate as far as the proceeds will admit, so that he may bring said Administration to a close—The prayer of said petition appearing reasonable Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court convened and by the authority of the same it is hereby enacted that said Moses Carr be and hereby is authorized and empowered to sell and convey the reversion of the Estate assigned to the said Widow for her dower as aforesaid and to apply the money arising from the sale, to payment of the demands against said Estate and for that purpose the said Moses Carr shall be and hereby is empowered to make execute and acknowledge to the purchaser or purchasers of said reversion a good deed or deeds of all the right and title of the said Testator thereto at the time of his decease excepting the widow's right in

the dower afor^d Any Law custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding—

[CHAPTER 13.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO ALTER AND EXTEND THE ACT ABOUT POWDER-MONEY

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 55; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 531. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 314; id., 1789 ed., p. 159. Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 159. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas the act entitled, "An Act about Powder-Money," directs that the dnty therein mentioned, should be paid in money or powder, which alternative is found inconvenient and as doubts have arisen, what vessels should be denominated foreign vessels within the meaning of said Act to remedy which inconvenience, and remove such doubts :

Be it Enacted by the Council & House of Representatives for said State in General Assembly convened, That, the said act shall extend to and be construed to extend & comprehend all vessels not belonging to any subject or subjects of any of the United States: And it is further Enacted by the authority afores^d that every ship or vessel to which said act shall be so construed to extend shall in future pay to the naval officer of this State, two shillings & 7 Ton in money, and not in powder as mentioned in said Act, which money shall be paid quarterly by the said Naval-officer into the Treasury of the State.

[CHAPTER 14.]

{ *State of*
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR ESTABLISHING A LIGHTHOUSE.

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 56; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 533. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 313; Perpetual Laws, 1789 ed., p. 130. See additional act of Nov. 11, 1784. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas it is necessary for the benefit of foreigners as Well as for the inhabitants of the united States that a Lighthouse should be kept at the entrance of Piscataqua harbour.

Be it therefore enacted by the council and house of representatives for said state and it is hereby enacted that the former Light-

house at the entrance of Piscataqua harbour be immediately repaired by the selectmen of the town of Portsmouth at the charge of this State. And also that they prepare materials for keeping a light there as heretofore kept And that a person be appointed by the executive Authority of this State for the time being to take care of said lighthouse at the like charge of the state. And for defraying the expence of said Lighthouse Be it further enacted that there be collected by the naval officer of this state the following dutys to commence as soon as the said Lighthouse shall be repaired and lighted That is to say. For all vessells from fifteen to thirty tons burthen belonging to any of the United states six shilling at their first entrance which shall befor one year, and the same sum to be paid yearly afterwards. For all vessells from thirty to fifty tons burthen belonging as aforesaid three shillings each at each & every entry. all vessells from fifty to one hundred tons burthen belonging as aforesaid six shillings each at every entry. all vessells from one hundred to one hundred & fifty tons burthen belonging as aforesaid eight shillings each at every entry. And all vessells of more than one hundred & fifty tons burthen belonging as aforesaid twelve shillings each at every entry. And three times so much upon all foreign vessells of the several descriptions and dimentions aforesaid.

And the said Naval officer shall account & pay the same half yearly to the treasurer of this State.

[CHAPTER 15.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR DIVIDING THE ESTATE OF ROBERT BURNUM LATE OF DURHAM GENTLEMAN DECEASED INTESTATE

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 57; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 535.]

Whereas Robert Burnum, Robert Burnum Jr, and Abigail Burnum all of Durham in said County of Strafford, have Petitioned the General Court setting forth that they are heirs to Robert Burnum late of said Durham Gentleman deceased intestate, who died some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine seized of a farm situate in Durham aforesaid containing one hundred and seventy five Acres leaving a widow and five Children;— That in the year one thousand seven hundred and sixty two the said farm was divided between said Widow and Children; her dower being set off on the easterly side thereof, and the double share in the middle of said farm adjoining to said dower—That

they are owners of the whole of said farm except one share in the Widows dower aforesaid ; any that in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty three the said Widow deceased likewise, leaving her dower to be divided among said petitioners and one other heir.—That Robert Burnum first mentioned owns the westerly part of said farm, which is seperated from said dower by land of Robert Burnum Jun^r and Abigail Burnum aforesaid.—That when said Dower comes to be divided, Robert Burnum aforesaid will be obliged to pass and repass through land of said other Petitioners; and likewise be under the necessity of building a large quantity of extraordinary fence ; Wherefore they prayed that the Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham may be authorized and impowered to appoint a Committee to set off to Robert Burnum first mentioned out of the land adjoining to that he now possesses as many acres as he is intitled to in the Widows dower aforesaid having regard to the quality and that said other petitioners have an equivalent set off to them in the Dower afores^d that said Cost and inconvenience may be prevented.—Said petition being read, and considered, and the prayer thereof appearing reasonable ; Therefore be it Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in general Court convened and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That the Judge of Probate for the County of Rockingham be and hereby is directed and impowered to Appoint and authorize a Committee consisting of five Freeholders to measure and set off to Robert Burnum first mentioned out of the land adjoining to that he now possesses as much land in value as he is intitled to in the Widow's dower aforesaid having regard to the quality ; as well as the quantity thereof And that they set off to Robert Burnum J^r and Abigail Burnum afor^d an equal proportion of land therefor in said Dower.

And be it Further Enacted that said Committee be impowered to make any other alteration in the division of said Estate that may be advantageous and agreeable to said petitioner.—Which division so made and returned by the persons so appointed, shall make a good title to the persons to whom any such lands may be respectively set off and to their respective heirs & assigns any former division, any Law custom or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 16.]

{ *State of* }
 { *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO DISSEVER SUNDRY PERSONS AND THEIR ESTATES FROM THE WEST PARISH IN LONDONDERRY AND ANNEX THEM UNTO & INCORPORATE THEM WITH THE EAST PARISH IN SAID TOWN, AND ALSO TO DISSEVER SUNDRY PERSONS AND THEIR ESTATES FROM THE EAST PARISH IN SAID TOWN AND ANNEX THEM UNTO AND INCORPORATE THEM WITH THE SAID WEST PARISH.—

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 58; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 554.]

Whereas a Petition hath been prefer'd to the General Court signed by William Wallace, John Neal, John Holms, Jonathan Reid and John Wallace, praying to be dissevered with their Estates from the west Parish in Londonderry and be annexed unto and incorporated with the east Parish, in all Ministerial and Parochial matters and whereas Thomas Anderson, Isaac Cockran, Samuel Cockran, Hugh Alexander and William Alexander, inhabitants of said east Parish have signified under their hands a desire of being dissevered with their estates from the said east Parish, and be annexed unto and incorporated with the said west Parish in all Ministerial & Parochial matters, and it appearing that the town of Londonderry had no Objection to the above Exchange,

Therefore be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled and by the Authority of the same it is hereby Enacted that the said William Wallace, John Neal, John Holms, Jonathan Reid and John Wallace together with their several and respective estates both real and personal be and the same hereby are dissevered from the said west Parish, and annexed unto and incorporated with the Inhabitants of the said east Parish, to have hold and enjoy to them respectively and to their several and respective Heirs, & Assigns forever, all the Priviledges rights and immunities in every way and manner as the same are held and enjoyed by the other inhabitants of said Parish as tho' they had originally belonged thereto in all Ministerial and Parochial matters, and shall in future pay their Ministerial and Parish Taxes to the said east Parish, and shall be exempted from paying such Taxes in future to the said West Parish for the real estates they now own as aforesaid.—

And that the said Thomas Anderson, Isaac Cochran, Hugh Alexander Samuel Cochran and William Alexander (and also the real

Estate of the Wid^w Mary Alexander) together with their Estates as aforesaid, be dissevered from the said east Parish, and be annexed to and incorporated with the inhabitants of the west Parish, and to enjoy all rights and Priviledges as tho' they originally belong'd thereto, as to all Ministerial and Parochial matters, and shall in future be taxed for Ministerial and Parish charges by the said west Parish, and exempted from such taxes in the said east Parish as aforesaid.—

Provided nevertheless that nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to prevent the payment of any ministerial or Parochial Taxes or Assessments already made in either of said Parishes, nor to relate to any or either of the Persons within mentioned any longer than they continue to live on the Estates aforesaid, any Law usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

[CHAPTER 17.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT TO INVEST THE EXCLUSIVE PRIVILEGE OF KEEPING A FERRY OVER A CERTAIN PART OF THE RIVER CONNECTICUT IN MOSES CHASE OF CORNISH ESQ^r HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS

[Passed April 16, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 59; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 529.]

Whereas the said Moses^r Chase hath petitioned the General Court representing the necessity of a Ferry's being kept over said river and that the said Chase hath been at great cost and charge of making and repairing a road across his Land and in keeping Boats for the purpose of conveyance across said River, that it is and will be of publick utility that a Ferry be there kept within certain Limits and under such restrictions as the Laws of said State have provided or may provide, and praying that an exclusive Right of keeping a Ferry over said River may be vested in said Chase his Heirs and Assigns—Which representation appearing just and reasonable—

Therefore be it enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and it is hereby enacted—

That the sole and exclusive right of keeping a Ferry over said River between the Northwest corner of the Town of Cornish and the South-west corner of the Governors Farm so called in Cornish be and hereby is granted to and vested in him the said Moses Chase his heirs and assigns, he giving Bonds to the Clerk of the Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Cheshire for the sum of One thousand pounds that said ferry shall be constantly

attended and well kept subject to the Laws that have been or shall be made in said State for the regulating of Ferries—

And be it further enacted by the authority afores^d that if any person or persons shall for hire or reward transport over said River within the aforesaid Limits any person, creature or thing shall forfeit and pay Forty shillings for every person, creature or thing so transported one moiety to the said Moses Chase his Heirs or Assigns, the other Moiety to the County where such offence is committed; to be recovered by Action of Debt before any Justice of the peace within the said County or before the Inferiour Court of Common pleas where the sum sued for shall exceed the sum of forty shillings

[CHAPTER 18.]

{ *State of* }
{ *New Hampshire.* }

AN ACT FOR LAYING AN IMPOST DUTY ON SUNDRY GOODS IMPORTED INTO THIS STATE.

[Passed April 17, 1784. Original Acts, vol. 9, p. 60; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 549. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 315. See act of April 6, 1781 and act of Jan. 2, 1784. Repealed June 20, 1792.]

Whereas it is necessary for this state to raise large sums of money as well for defreying the contingent charges of Government as for paying their quota of the expence of the late war and it appearing that an impost on sundry articles imported would be the best way to raise some part of the sums required

Be it therefore enacted by the councill and house of representatives and it is hereby enacted That from and after the twentieth day of April current there shall be paid an impost duty of five per centum ad valorem upon all nails looking glasses china glass earthen and stone ware and an impost duty of two and a half per centum ad valorem on all other goods wares and merchandizes imported into this state which dutys shall be paid by the Importer of said goods at the time of importation to the naval officer of this state or security given by the same by a bond with sufficient bondsmen to pay the same to the said naval officer the one half in two months & the other half in four months from the time of importation. And that the value of such imported goods may be known the said naval officer and the importer of such goods may agree upon two or more reputable merchants to make an apprizement thereof upon oath which oath the said naval officer shall administer. And the apprizement in writing under the hands of the said apprizers with the oath certified thereon shall be lodged with said naval officer.

But in case the said naval officer and importer of goods as aforesaid cannot agree upon persons to apprise the same the said apprizers shall at the request of the said naval officer be appointed by any one of the Justices of the superiour court of Judicature or inferiour court of common pleas within this state & shall be sworn as aforesaid. And every master of a ship or other vessel importing into this state any goods wares or merchandizes, liable to an impost duty by this act shall before he shall be admitted to an entry or break bulk & within forty eight hours after his arrival make a true & perfect report in writing to the said naval officer of all such dutied goods wares and merchandizes by him imported and shall without any evasion whatsoever in a reasonable time expose the same to be apprizd and shall pay the aforesaid dutys or cause the same to be secured in manner aforesaid within ten days from the time of his arrival as aforesaid upon pain & penalty of the forfeiture of the vessell and cargo, the one Eighth thereof for the use of the said naval officer who is to inform and sue for the same and the remainder for the use of this state. And every vessell or goods forfeited as aforesaid shall be seized and taken into custody by the sheriff of the county by a warrant under the hands & seals of any two or more of the Justices of the inferiour court of common pleas of the county where the said forfeiture shall accrue at the suit or libell of the said naval officer. And such publick notice shall be given of the seizure as the nature of the case in the opinion of the said Justices may require. And in case any claimer shall appear the justice of the forfeiture and seizure shall be tryd in said inferiour court by a jury according to law & either party shall be allowed an appeal to the superiour court of Judicature as in other cases. And the said superior court shall proceed to try the cause by a Jury and shall give final Judgment thereon. And in case of condemnation the said goods or Vessell respectively shall be sold & all charges being deducted the proceeds shall be divided as aforesaid. And the said Naval officer shall receive one eighth to his own use the remainder for the use of the State.

Provided nevertheless that nothing herein contained shall be construed to molest trouble or interrupt any master of a ship or other vessell coming into this state and unloading to refit such ship or vessell such master making a true report upon oath to the naval officer of the contents of his cargo and the cause of his unlading and also exporting the same goods in that or some other vessell within sixty days from the time of his arrival

And the said Naval officer shall account with the treasurer of this state quarterly and pay the mony in his hauds for the use of the state.

Provided that Hemp, salt, and Such Articles as are the manufacture & growth of the United States of America shall be exempted from the Duties aforesaid—

[CHAPTER 19.]

{ *State of*
New Hampshire. }

AN ACT FOR MAKING AND ESTABLISHING A NEW PROPORTION OF THE PUBLIC TAXES, AMONG THE SEVERAL TOWNS PARISHES, AND PLACES WITHIN THIS STATE; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TREASURER TO ISSUE HIS WARRANTS FOR LEVYING THE SAME ANNUALLY.—

[Passed April 17, 1784. Original Acts, vol 9, p. 61; recorded Acts, vol. 4, p. 538. Laws, 1780 ed., p. 317. See additional act of Nov. 9, 1784.]

Whereas since the last proportion for a State Tax, there has been considerable alterations in the circumstances of the several Towns and places, mentioned in said proportion, and many places not mentioned therein, are so improved, that they ought to pay their proportion of the public Taxes, according to their circumstances—

Be it therefore Enacted by the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same it is hereby Enacted, That the proportion to every thousand pounds of the public Taxes, which each Town, Parish, and Place within said State, shall annually pay, and for which the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue his Warrants shall be as follows viz;—

FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKINGHAM.—

	£.	s.	d.
Allenstown Thirty two shillings and seven pence	1	12	7
Atkinson four pounds nineteen shillings	4	19	0
Bow three pounds five shillings and five pence	3	5	5
Brintwood Ten pounds sixteen shillings and one penny	10	16	1
Candia seven pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence	7	14	7
Canterbury seven pounds eleven shillings and two pence	7	11	2
Chester nineteen pounds and five pence	19	0	5
Chichester two pounds ten shillings and nine pence	2	10	9
Concord eleven pounds nineteen shillings and five pence	11	19	5
Deerfield twelve pounds twelve shillings	12	12	0

East Kingston four pounds fourteen shillings and three pence	4	14	3
Epping seventeen pounds seven shillings and six pence	17	7	6
Epsom five pounds twelve shillings and two pence	5	12	2
Exeter fifteen pounds nineteen shillings and ten pence	15	19	10
Greenland six pounds eighteen shillings and seven pence	6	18	7
Hampstead six pounds nineteen shillings	6	19	0
Hampton ten pounds nine shillings and two pence	10	9	2
Hawke five pounds seven shillings	5	7	0
Hampton falls seven pounds eight shillings and one penny	7	8	1
Kensington nine pounds fourteen shillings and seven pence	9	14	7
Kingstown ten pounds two shillings and seven pence	10	2	7
Londonderry twenty six pounds eighteen shillings and two pence	26	18	2
Loudon six pounds fourteen shillings and three pence	6	14	3
Newington five pounds seven shillings and five pence	5	7	5
Newmarket eleven pounds eight shillings and four pence	11	8	4
New Castle one pound eight shillings and four pence	1	8	4
Newtown four pounds twelve shillings and three pence	4	12	3
Northfield three pounds five shillings and six pence	3	5	6
Northhampton six pounds eighteen shillings and four pence	6	18	4
Northwood five pounds eighteen shillings and ten pence	5	18	10
Nottingham nine pounds three shillings and six pence	9	3	6
Pelham eight pounds	8	0	0
Pembroke eight pounds one shilling and six pence	8	1	6
Plastow five pounds four shillings and nine pence	5	4	9
Poplin five pounds nineteen shillings	5	19	0
Portsmouth twenty eight pounds seven shillings	28	7	0
Pittsfield four pounds five shillings and nine pence	4	5	9
Raymond six pounds twelve shillings and ten pence	6	12	10
Rye seven pounds one shilling and eight pence	7	1	8
Salem ten pounds and six pence	10	0	6
Sandown five pounds sixteen shillings	5	16	0

Seabrook five pounds and nine pence	5	0	9
Southampton six pounds three shillings and nine pence	6	3	9
Stratham ten pounds fifteen shillings and nine pence	10	15	9
Windham five pounds fourteen shillings	5	14	0

FOR THE COUNTY OF STRAFFORD

Barnstead three pounds sixteen shillings and six pence	3	16	6
Barrington fourteen pounds seventeen shillings and eight pence	14	17	8
Burton eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Conway three pounds seven shillings and nine pence	3	7	9
Dover sixteen pounds two shillings and six pence	16	2	6
Durham eleven pounds ten shillings and four pence	11	10	4
Eaton eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Effingham one pound five shillings and six pence	1	5	6
Gilmantown twelve pounds sixteen shillings and six pence	12	16	6
Lee nine pounds eight shillings and eleven pence	9	8	11
Madbury five pounds sixteen shillings and one penny	5	16	1
Meredith five pounds two shillings and five pence	5	2	5
Middletown two pounds ten shillings and six pence	2	10	6
Moultonborough three pounds sixteen shillings and five pence	3	16	5
New Durham two pounds eleven shillings and ten pence	2	11	10
New Durham Gore two pounds four shillings	2	4	0
Newhampton two pounds thirteen shillings and five pence	2	13	5
Ossepee Gore one pound two shillings and eight pence	1	2	8
Rochester seventeen pounds six shillings and eight pence	17	6	8
Sanborntown eight pounds five shillings and two pence	8	5	2
Sandwich five pounds five shillings and five pence	5	5	5
Somersworth nine pounds twelve shillings and three pence	9	12	3
Tamworth two pounds thirteen shillings and three pence	2	13	3
Tuftonborough fourteen shillings and three pence	0	14	3
Wakefield four pounds eight shillings and three pence	4	8	3

Wolfeborough three pounds ten shillings and eleven pence	3	10	11
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FOR THE COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH—

Amherst seventeen pounds thirteen shillings and six pence	17	13	6
Andover three pounds two shillings and four pence	3	2	4
Antrim two pounds eight shillings	2	8	0
Bedford seven pounds	7	0	0
Boscawen six pounds fifteen shillings and six pence	6	15	6
Deering four pounds thirteen shillings and nine pence	4	13	9
Derryfield two pounds fifteen shillings and three pence	2	15	3
Dunbarton five pounds twelve shillings	5	12	0
Dunstable five pounds twelve shillings and eight pence	5	12	8
Duxbury one pound one shilling and six pence	1	1	6
Fishersfield two pound two shillings and five pence	2	2	5
Francistown three pounds ten shillings and ten pence	3	10	10
Goffstown seven pounds seventeen shillings and four pence	7	17	4
Campbells Gore five shillings and nine pence	0	5	9
Hancock one pound five shillings and three pence	1	5	3
Henneker five pounds eleven shillings and three pence	5	11	3
Hillsborough four pounds one shilling and nine pence	4	1	9
Holles eleven pounds fourteen shillings and six pence	11	14	6
Hopkinton twelve pounds eighteen shillings and three pence	12	18	3
Hoyts Gore five shillings and eight pence	0	5	8
Keasearge Gore ten shillings	0	10	0
Litchfield three pounds one shilling and eleven pence	3	1	11
Lyndborough eight pounds four shillings and one penny	8	4	1
Mason six pounds two shillings and three pence	6	2	3
Merrymack six pounds one shilling and nine pence	6	1	9
New Boston seven pounds five shillings and ten pence	7	5	10
New Bradford eleven shillings and five pence	0	11	5
New Ipswich eleven pounds two shillings and three pence	11	2	3
New London one pound two shillings and eight pence	1	2	8

Nottingham West eight pounds two shillings and one penny	8	2	1
Perrystown one pound fifteen shillings and two pence	1	15	2
Peterborough seven pounds eleven shillings and six pence	7	11	6
Peterborough Slip one pound twelve shillings and six pence	1	12	6
Raby one pound seventeen shillings and four pence	1	17	4
Salisbury nine pounds seven shillings and one penny	9	7	1
Society Land thirteen Shillings	0	13	0
Temple four pounds sixteen shillings	4	16	0
Warner four pounds two shillings and four pence	4	2	4
Weare eleven pounds six shillings and four pence	11	6	4
Wilton eight pounds nine shillings	8	9	0
Land between Lyndeborough & Peterborough	} three shillings and nine pence		
	0	3	9

THE COUNTY OF CHESHIRE

Ackworth three pounds eight shillings and six pence	3	8	6
Alstead six pounds and one shilling	6	1	0
Charlestown nine pounds fifteen shillings and two pence	9	15	2
Chesterfield ten pounds fourteen shillings and two pence	10	14	2
Claremont nine pounds eighteen shillings and five pence	9	18	5
Cornish seven pounds one shilling and nine pence	7	1	9
Croydon two pounds nine shillings and six pence	2	9	6
Dublin four pounds twelve shillings and six pence	4	12	6
FitzWilliam five pounds eight shillings & two pence	5	8	2
Gilsom two pounds thirteen shillings & eleven pence	2	13	11
Grantham one pound eleven shillings and nine pence	1	11	9
Hinsdale three pounds and six pence	3	0	6
Jaffrey seven pounds three shillings	7	3	0
Keen ten pounds seventeen shillings	10	17	0
Lempster two pounds nine shillings and eleven pence	2	9	11
Marlborough four pounds nine shillings and three pence	4	9	3

Marlow two pounds two shillings and three pence	2	2	3
Newport four pounds one shilling	4	1	0
Packersfield three pounds nine shillings & three pence	3	9	3
Plainfield seven pounds one shilling & nine pence	7	1	9
Protectworth one pound two shillings & eight pence	1	2	8
Richmond eight pounds two shillings & two pence	8	2	2
Rindge seven pounds ten shillings and ten pence	7	10	10
Stoddard three pounds fourteen shillings & eleven pence	3	14	11
Surry three pounds eight shillings	3	8	0
Swansey eight pounds eleven shillings & three pence	8	11	3
Unity two pounds five Shillings & four pence	2	5	4
Walpole nine pounds twelve shillings & nine pence	9	12	9
Washington three pounds sixteen shillings & six pence	3	16	6
Wendell one pound four shillings & eleven pence	1	4	11
Westmoreland eight pounds ten shillings	8	10	0
Winchester eight pounds twelve shillings & four pence	8	12	4

THE COUNTY OF GRAFTON

Alexandria two pounds & two pence	2	0	2
Apthorp one pound two shillings & eight pence	1	2	8
Bath two pounds eleven shillings	2	11	0
Cambridge eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Canaan two pounds sixteen shillings & eight pence	2	16	8
Cardigan fourteen shillings and ten pence	0	14	10
Chatham seven shillings and four pence	0	7	4
Cockburn eleven shillings and four pence	0	11	4
Cockermouth two pounds nine shillings	2	9	0
Colburn eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Campton two pounds thirteen shillings & four pence	2	13	4
Coventry eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Dartmouth eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Dorchester seventeen shillings	0	17	0
Dummer eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Enfield three pounds five shillings and two pence	3	5	2
Errol eleven shillings and four pence	0	11	4
Franconia eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Grafton two pounds three shillings and three pence	2	3	3
Gunthwait one pound two shillings and eight pence	1	2	8
Hanover five pounds nineteen shillings	5	19	0
Haverhill four pounds five shillings	4	5	0

Kilkenny eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Launcester sixteen shillings & four pence	0	16	4
Landaff one pound four shillings and three pence	1	4	3
Lebanon six pounds seven shillings	6	7	0
Lincoln eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Lyman seventeen shillings	0	17	0
Lyme four pounds eight shillings	4	8	0
Millfield eleven shillings and four pence	0	11	4
New Chester two pounds nineteen shillings & ten pence	2	19	10
New Holderness two pounds five shillings & two pence	2	5	2
Northumberland eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Orford three pounds fourteen shillings & seven pence	3	14	7
Peeling alias Fairfield eight shillings & six pence	0	8	6
Peircey eleven shillings & four pence	0	11	4
Piermont three pounds eight shillings	3	8	0
Plymouth four pounds nineteen shillings & four pence	4	19	4
Rumney three pounds	3	0	0
Shelburne seventeen shillings	0	17	0
Stratford eleven shillings and four pence	0	11	4
Success eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Thornton two pounds ten shillings & five pence	2	10	5
Trecothick eight shillings and six pence	0	8	6
Warren one pound eleven shillings & four pence	1	11	4
Wentworth one pound one shilling & one penny	1	1	1

And be it further Enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said proportion shall be for all public Taxes, until a new proportion shall be made and established and that the Treasurer for the time being issue his warrants accordingly—

And whereas sundry of the aforementioned places are not incorporated, and have no legal authority to assess and collect the sums to be raised.—Be it therefore Enacted by the authority aforesaid That Ebenezer Smith and David Page Esqr^s—or either of them for the County of Strafford—John Duncan & Robert Macgregore Esqr^s or either of them for the County of Hillsborough—Benjamin Giles & Moses Chase Esqr^s or either of them for the County of Cheshire Cap^t John Young Caleb Clark & Joseph Whipple Esqr or either of them for the County of Grafton are hereby severally appointed and authorized, to call meetings of the Inhabitants of all such places (in their respective Counties) which are not incorporated, giving public notice thereof, by causing a notification, setting forth the time, place and occasion of such meeting, to be posted up publicly in such place fourteen days at least before the time of

holding such Meeting, to chuse Selectmen and all such officers as are necessary for assessing and collecting public Taxes, which meetings shall be holden in said places respectively, by the first day of July next ; And the officers chosen at said Meetings, shall be invested with all the authority for the purpose aforesaid, as such officers in Towns incorporated, within this State, are by law invested with ; And the Selectmen chosen at said Meetings shall call the meeting of the Inhabitants of their respective places, to be held within the same on the last monday in March to chuse all the officers necessary for the purpose aforesaid for the next year and so on annually until a new proportion for the public taxes shall be made and established.—and the officers so chosen shall be under oath for the faithful discharge of the duty of their respective offices and shall have the same power and authority in the same, as the like officers in Towns incorporated in said State are by law invested with and shall be liable to the same penalties for neglect of their duty as the like officers in said incorporated Towns are by law liable to. And the Inhabitants of all such places are hereby indulged with one month longer before they pay their State Tax than those places which are incorporated.

And Whereas the several Towns and places hereafter mentioned (viz) Cambridge, Chatham, Cockburn, Coleburn, Dummer, Errol, Millfield Peirce Peeling alias Fairfield Shelburne Stratford Success Trecothick and Kill Kenny which are mentioned in the foregoing proportion are not inhabited, or have so few Inhabitants as renders it inconvenient and in some cases impracticable to chuse the Officers aforesaid for assessing and collecting the said Taxes ;—

Be it therefore Enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the Treasurer for said State for the time being, shall at the time of issuing his warrants annually for the said Taxes give public notice in the New Hampshire Gazette, and in some one of the Boston Newspapers of the sum apportioned to, and to be paid by the owners (collectively) of the lands in said Towns and places, requiring that the same be paid into the Treasury by the same time that other Towns are to pay their said Taxes, and that if the same is not paid accordingly, so much of their lands will be sold as will pay said Tax with incidental charges—And if said taxes are not paid by the time prescribed, the Treasurer shall make sale of so much of said land at public Vendue, as will pay said tax with incidental charges, first advertizing the time and place of sale, in the News Papers aforesaid three weeks successively—

APPENDIX

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JOURNAL OF THE COMMITTEE OF SAFETY.

MAY 19th 1775 A Committee of Safety, Appointed by the Congress, consisting of the following Persons—viz^t Hon^{ble} Matthew Thornton Esqr. Josiah Bartlet Esq^r Cap^t William Whipple, Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r & Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r

23^d The Committee of Safety was impower'd by Vote of Congress to recommend Persons they think proper for Chaplains Surgeons & Surgeon's Mates—and also to procure proper forms for enlisting Soldiers.

24 Israel Morey & Samuel Ashley Esq^{rs} Cap^t Josiah Moulton & Rev^d Samuel Webster were added to the Committee of Safety, and said Committee was impowered to issue Orders for enlisting men Sufficient for one Regiment in the same manner as is practised in the Massachusetts bay & receive Returns of men enlisted as is done there—accordingly the same Day the Committee gave Orders to Winborn Adams of Durham Winthrop Rowe of Kensington Henry Elkins of Hampton, Samuel Gilman of Newmarket Philip Tilton of Kingston, Benjamin Titcomb of Dover Jonathan Wentworth of Somersworth Jeremiah Clough of Canterbury James Norris of Epping & Zaccheus Clough of Poplin to enlist each a Company which orders &c were of the Forms following

In Committee of Safety Exeter 1775

To

S^r You are hereby impowered immediately to enlist a Company to consist of Sixty two able bodied and Effective men well accoutred including Serjeants, as Soldiers in the New Hampshire Service for the Preservation of American Liberty and cause them to pass muster as soon as possible

Chairman

Exeter, 1775

Whereas you have this day received Orders for enlisting Sixty two Soldiers well accoutred including Serjeants for the New Hampshire Service for the Preservation of the Liberties of America, You are hereby acquainted that the Commission of a Captain in said Service shall be made out for You as soon as you have compleated the said Inlistment, and you will also be allowed to nominate two Subalterns under you who will receive Commissions Accordingly if the Committee shall approve of them—

By order of the Committee of Safety

Chairman

THE ENLISTMENT

We the Subscribers do hereby severally solemnly engage and enlist ourselves as Soldiers in the New Hampshire Service for the Preservation of the Liberties of America, from the Day of our enlistment to the last Day of December next unless the Service should admit of a Discharge of a part or the whole Sooner which shall be at the Discretion of the Committee of Safety, & we hereby promise to submit ourselves to all the Orders & Regulations of the Army & faithfully to Observe & obey all such orders as we shall receive from time to time from our officers

1775—

26th The Committee was Impowered in the Recess of Congress to take under their Consideration all Matters in which the Welfare of the Province, in the Security of their Rights, shall be concerned, except the Appointment of the Field-Officers & to take the Utmost Care that the Public sustain no Damage & act in the following manner viz^t

1st That they see to it that whatever Plans have been determined upon by the Congress to be immediately carried into Execution which have not been entrusted to the management of any Particular Persons or Committee, shall be executed by such Persons & in such way as the Committee shall judge best.

2^d That if any Exigence not provided for by the Congress requires immediate Attention, such as marching Troops raised, to repel an Invasion in any Part or directing the Motions of the Militia for the same Purpose, or making Use of any Special Advantage for Securing Military Stores or Securing any Important Post or preventing our Enemies from securing Advantageous Posts or from obtaining Military Stores or Provisions, Immediately they shall take the most prudent & effectual Method to accomplish the above & similar Purposes.

3^{dly} That they be & hereby are impowered & directed to apply to the Committee of Supplies for the Necessary Stores & provisions for the Effectual carrying the aforesaid Instructions into Execution.

JUNE 1st The Committee was impowered to give out enlisting orders to Ten Persons to enlist each a Company of Sixty two Soldiers including non Commission Officers to make a Regiment to be under the Command of Col Reid accordingly the Committee gave Orders to enlist the said Companies to Levi Spaulding, Josiah Crosbie, William Walker Ezra Town Hezekiah Hutchins, Henry Moore Jacob Hinds & Benjamin Mann—the other Two Companies ordered to be taken out of Col^o Starks Regiment

3^d The Committee was impowered to Commissionate a Company of Sixty Men on the western Frontiers, which with two other Companies already raised are to be stationed to guard said Frontiers—

5th The Congress agreed & Voted to raise an Artillery Company and impowered the Committee to Commission the Same.

6th The Committee was impowered to appoint Muster Masters to muster the Soldiers—

Cap^t Henry Gerrish was accordingly appointed to Muster Cap^t Jeremiah Clough's Company & to make return as soon as may be.

The Committee appointed Samuel Hobart Esq^r to Muster all the Companies not already mustered, who is to make return as soon as possible.

8th The Committee gave the following orders to the Com[']ittee of Supplies

EXETER 8th JUNE 1775

To the Committee of Supplies—

Gent. You are desired to procure immediately, for the Use of the Army now raising in this Colony the following Supplies & send them to such places as you shall be hereafter directed

600 Barrels of Pork

100 Tons of Bread & Flour

5 Tons of Lead—one Ton of which to be immediately cast into Balls

12 M Flints

20 Tons of Powder

100 Pick Axes

100 Spades & Shovels

500 Bushels Beans & Pease

3000 Gallons Molasses

120 Tents to be made of Ravens duck

1000 p^r Shoes

30 Doz Stockings

1500 Gall^s Rum

10^{cwt}.o.o. Sugar

300 Iron Pots ab^t 2 Gall^s

100 Tin Kettles ab^t 6 & 8 Q^{ts}

600 wooden bowls & Platters

100 Oxen

200 Knapsacks

100 Quintals Fish

1000 lb Butter

1000 lb Cheese

1775 JUNE 13. Committee delivered Israel Gilman Esq^r his Commission of Lieutenant Colonel of the Third Regiment of the N Hamp^r Forces & Administred the Oath to him and ordered him to join his Regiment at Cambridge

14th Gave the following order to the Receiver general

In Committee of Safety June 14th 1775

To Col^o Nicholas Gilman

S^r You are desired to deliver to the Bearer M^r Burbank of Conway Twenty five pounds of Gunpowder & take his Receipt for the Same—

by order of the Committee

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In Committee of Safety June 15th 1775

Cap^t Henry Elkins

S^r You are directed hereby to man two whale Boats out of Your Company & keep them constantly cruising off & on the Coast & direct them to acquaint all Vessels bound to Piscataqua having Provisions Salt or Molasses on board, that the Man of War there has orders to Seize them, & advise them to get into York Newbury-Port Hampton or Rye as they may judge expedient.

by order of the Committee

The Committee gave the Receiver General orders to deliver to Cap^t Henry Elkins Twenty pounds of Gun powder taking his receipt for the same to be accounted for.

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In Committee of Safety Exeter June 16th 1775

To the Committee of Supplies

Gentlemen

You are desired without delay to procure at Cambridge of M^r Trumbal or any other Person or Persons on the best Terms you can about one Months Provision for Two thousand Men as part of your general Orders of the Eighth of June and Deliver it to M^r Moses Emerson our Commissary at Cambridge and also procure for him Sufficient Stores houses there.

By order of the Committee

In Committee of Safety June 16th 1775.

To the Committee of Supplies

Gentlemen

We desire you to procure as soon as you can Five Doz^e of Hatchets or Small Axes, and lodge four Doz^e of them with the Commissary at Cambridge, & keep the Remainder in safe Custody for the present. We also desire you to fix a Number of Guard Houses, for the Accomodation of the Soldiers stationed on the Coast as you shall see & judge needful not exceeding Six in number.

By order of the Committee

In Committee of Safety June 17th 1775.

Orders given to Capt Jeremiah Clough to Muster his Company on Wednesday the twenty eighth Day of June Ins^t at Canterbury there to wait further orders.

Ordered that Nathaniel Perkins of Canterbury (provided he enlist as a Soldier) shall be Armourer of Col^o Poors Regiment & be allowed the Same Wages including that of a Soldier as is allowed Armourers in the Massachusetts Service

Received a Letter from Col^o Reid dated Charlestown June 15th 1775 with a Return of his Regiment &c as on file

Received a Letter from Lieut^t Col^o Gilman dated Charlestown June 15 1775 filed

In Committee of Safety at Exeter the 17th of June 1775

To General Folsom

S^r You are required to order two of the Companies in Col^o Poors Regiment viz^t Cap^t Adam's & Cap^t Tiltons to march by the Middle of Next week to Join the Army at or near Cambridge in the Massachusetts Bay there to receive further orders

Matthew Thornton Chairman

JUNE 18th Upon receiving the News of the Engagement at Charestown directed Col^o Poor to order all the Companies in his Regiment except Cap^t Elkins to March immediately to Cambridge.

Received a Letter from the Continental Congress dated June the tenth 1775 enclosing sundry of their Resolves. filed.

Wrote to Sam^l Cutts Esq^r desiring him to procure ten Reams of the best Paper he could get & send it here tomorrow—also to engage all the Saltpetre & Brimstone in Portsm^o & to send the Saltpetre here as soon as may be—to employ as many hands as can be employed on the Tents & to add Eighty to the number already ordered

Ordered the Selectmen or Committee of Stratham to Supply their men with Firearms.

Ordered the Selectmen of Kingston to deliver Samuel Philbrick Six Barrels of Powder to be by him conveyed to the Army

19 Received a Letter from the Chamber of Supplies at Watertown Dated the 18th June 1775 by M^r Woods—filed

Answered the above by the same Messenger—Copy filed

Rec^d from S. Cutts Esq four Reams & 2 Quire of Paper—& a Letter from him by M^r Young who was sent hence to him to get Paper—Letter filed. ▲

In Committee of Safety June 20th 1775.

Orders given Col Nich^s Gilman to deliver Cap^t Benj^a Titcomb Thirty pounds of Gun powder for the use of his Company & to take his rec^t for the Same—

Order given to Maj^r Coffin to deliver Cap^t Titcomb of fifteen pounds of bullets for the Use of his Company taking his receipt for it—

Order given Maj^r Coffin to deliver Moses Mender of Cap^t Adms Company twenty bullets taking his rec^t for them

21 Mem^m of Sundry Articles Sent to Cambridge by M^r Nath^l Gordon

1 Cask Flint Q^{ty} 3200

	Tare
5 Keggs Bullets wt 113	3
110	4
62—	2
123—	4
220—	5 ¹ / ₂
30 Tents and Poles & Pins for D ^o	
10 bbls Powder 100 lb each	
25 Tin Buckets	
7 Milld Blankets	
6 Oxen	

ordered M^r Commissary Emerson to proceed directly to Cambridge & to take into his Custody all Stores there belonging to this Colony & to Issue the Same to our Forces in the Same manner as Stores of the same kind are delivered to the Massachusetts forces—

ordered the Receiver Gen ^l to pay Commissary Emerson eleven pounds by him to be accounted for—	}	11	0	0
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ordered the Receiver Gen ^l to pay Jedidiah Robinson fifteen pounds Six Shill ^s for a Yoke of Oxen purchased of him for our Army—	}	15	6
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Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Nath ⁿ Ordway fourteen pounds fourteen shill ^s for D ^o	}	14	14
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Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Gen ^l Folsom Twelve pounds fifteen Shill ^s for D ^o	}	12	15
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Did Commissary Emerson Eight Quires out of the Paper rec^d of M^r Cutts

Gave Esq^r Rice a Rec^t for two Barrel of the Powder Sent by M Gordon

Rec^d a Letter from the Congress at Watertown dated June 13^t 1775 filed

Rec^d D^o from M^r James M^cGregore Dated Medford June 19th 1775 filed

Rec^d D^o from Col^o Stark Dated Medford June 19th 1775 filed

23 Rec^d D^o from Gen^l Folsom dated medford june 22^d 1775 filed

Wrote to the Selectmen of Newmarket to Send by Nicho^s Nichols four barrels of the Provincial Gunpowder, now in their Custody to be dealt out as the public service may require

M^r Nichols Returned from Newmarket with one bbl of Gunpowder only

ordered the Receiver Gen ^l to pay the Com- mittee of Supplies Thirty pounds Lawful Money & to Charge to Colo ^y Acc ^t	}	30 0
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In Committee of Safety June 24th 1775

To the Committee of Supplies

Gentⁿ You are desired to send to Israel Morey Esq^r at Orford in the County of Grafton Twenty Barrels of Pork & Twenty Barrels of Flour as soon as may be for the Use of the Soldiers to be employd in the Northwestern frontiers of this Colony—and that the Remainder You have purchased that way be safely secured till further Orders

By order of the Committee

Matthew Thornton Chairman

ordered Nich^s Gilman Esq^r to deliver to Nathan Goss Thirty pounds of Gunpowder for the Use of the Parish of Rye.

26 rec^d another bbl Powder from Newmarket

25 rec^d Letter from Gen^l Folsom p^r M^r Emery dated June 23^d 1774—filed

rec^d Letter from M^r M^cGregore p^r D^o dated June 24th 1774 filed

26 rec^d Letter from Gen^l Folsom p^r Esq^r Tilton dated June 24th 1774 filed

directed Cap^t Elkins to order his Boatmen to put in to the Shoals & bring to Hampton any Cannon Shot they may find there if the People at the Shoals will allow it to be done

directed Lieu^t Bartlet to pick out two of the largest strongest & best Cannon that were taken from fort William & Mary last winter & convey them to Exeter as soon as possible in order to their being sent to the Army at Medford

answered Gen^l Folsoms Letters p^r M^r Dearing who went with a horse Team to Medford with Blanketing Entrenching Tools &c—copy filed—

27 Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Folsom dated June 1775 filed

Rec^d a Letter from Continental Congress dated June 20 1775
with a resolve of said Congress enclosed filed

28 wrote Gen^l Folsom p^r Stephen Piper of Stratham

29 rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Folsom dated 25th June 1775 filed

30 In Committee of Safety Exeter June 30th 1775.

To the Committee of Supplies

Gentlemen

In as much as you may find many Things necessary for the Use of the Army which do not come within the Limits of any particular Directions from this Committee, the procuring which Articles may not admit so much delay as to afford Time for an Application to the Committee of Safety ; You are therefore desired according to your Best Judgment & with the strictest Attention to Oeconomy to procure such necessary Articles rendering an Account for Allowance to the Committee of Safety at least once in Ten Days of all Articles so furnished

By order of the Committee

Matthew Thornton Chairman

30 ordered the Receiver General to pay to the Committee of Supplies Six hundred pounds L M to be them accounted for	}	600 0
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JUNE 30 th Ordered the Receiver General to pay to Samuel Hobart Esq paymaster of the Forces of this Colony four thousand five hundred Pounds Lawful Money—	}	4500 0
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Ordered the Receiver General to Deliver L^t forty two pounds of Gunpowder for the Use of Cap^t Langdons Company at Portsm^o & to take his rec^t to be accountable for it

JULY 1 ordered the Receiver General to pay to the Committee of Supplies five hundred pounds	}	500 0
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Wrote to Gen^l Folsom by Maj^r Hobart copy filed

Wrote to Col^o Reid by D copy filed

In Consequence of Mess ^{rs} Child & Ashleys being appointed a Committee to wait upon the Congress of the Massa. & the Assemblies of Rhode Island & Connecticut as p ^r Vote of Congress—Ordered the Receiver General to pay the said Child Six pounds L M to be by him accounted for	}	6 0 0
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4. ordered the Receiver General to pay Jonathan Robinson Forty Shillings being his Months pay as a Soldier in Cap ^t Sam ^l Gilmans Company, he being at home on furlow—	}	2 0 0
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Ordered the Receiver General to pay Amos Dakin Forty Shillings being a months pay for the use of the Widow of one Joseph Blood who was killed in the army—to be by said Dakin Accounted for—

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5 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Samuel Calley four pounds Sixteen Shillings for a Waggon by him made for the Use of this Colony—

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6 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay the Committee of Supplies one Thousand pounds L M to be by them Accounted for—

1000	0
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Appointed Cap^t Josiah Moulton paymaster of Cap^t Elkins Company for 1st Months wages—

Ordered Receiver General to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulton one hundred Thirty nine pounds Sixteen Shillings L M for the first months pay of Cap^t Elkins Company—

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Appointed Israel Morey Esq paymaster of the first Months Wages of Cap^t Beetles Company—

1775 JULY 6th

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Israel Morey Esq^r one hundred thirty Nine pounds Sixteen Shillings L M being for the first Months pay of Cap^t Beetles Company

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Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^r was added to the Committee of Safety

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Eb^r Thompson Esq thirty one pounds four shillings being the Expence of making the £10050 lately emitted by order of the Congress of this Colony—

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Previous to the drawing the orders of this Days Date Cap^t Will^m Whipple was chosen Chairman of this Committee P. T.

7th Ordered Samuel Hobart Esq^r to pay the Surplus of the money left in his hands (after paying the Troops According to Directions) to those of the Committee of Supplies at head Quarters Medford—

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Mr John Wheelock forty two Shill^s & three pence half penny being the amount of his Acc^t of Expences time and horse in a journey to Watertown by order of Congress—

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Gave James Osgood Orders to enlist twenty Effective Soldiers

Appointed Cap^t David Page to Muster the Men that Shall be enlisted by James Osgood—

Gave John Parker orders to enlist Sixty three Men for Soldiers.

Made out Commissions for Col^o Beedel as Captain, Abraham Palmer as Lieutenant, Rich^d Nelson as Ensign of the first Company of Rangers in the Service of this Colony

dated 23^d June 1775 the Day they were Mustered

gave Cap^t Beedel the following orders

S^r You are directed to proceed immediately to Northumberland or Lancaster with your Company or such part thereof as you think proper and there in Conjunction with the Inhabitants erect a Garrison in such a place as you w^h their Advice shall judge most suitable Sufficient for Defence against Small Arms—and when that is Completed to assist in Building Garrisons in such other Places on the Frontiers as you with the Advice of the Inhabitants shall judge most necessary—sending out such Scouts from Time to Time for Intelligence as you shall think expedient—And also to take Charge of all such Provisions as may be sent you and cause the same properly to be delivered to the Soldiers of Yours & other Companies that may be posted by the Congress or this Committee on Connecticut River—and purchase Beef Bread &c as may be requisite & return Your accounts to this Committee for their Allowance & payment—and also to use your utmost Endeavours to gain & keep the Friendship of the Indians by small Donations &c—and if any thing of Importance should occur to send Information thereof to this Committee by immediate Expresses—and to take up and examine any person you may suspect of attempting to cross the Country to Canada with a Design to hurt the Cause of America—& if after Examination you are satisfied of such Design that you secure him or them & send them down here for Trial—and to use your Discretion with Regard to any others who evidently appear to be inimical to the Liberties of America—In Case of any Attack upon any of the Inhabitants in those Parts to whom you can possibly afford Assistance, you are to do it without Delay

By order of the Committee

W Whipple Ch^r P.T.

Gave Matthew Thornton orders to enlist forty three able bodied men as Soldiers

Gave Seth Wheeler orders to Enlist Ten able bodied men as Soldiers

Upon Application of Selectmen of Newton, informing that they had been opposed in endeavouring to apprehend a Deserter from

the Army in order to send him back, & requesting Advise ment thereon, wrote to the Inhabitants of Said Town as on file—

ordered Committee of Supplies to Send two bbls Gunpowder Eight hundred Pounds of Lead or bulletts Six hundred flints & Blankets for forty Soldiers And all other necessaries for the Use of the Troops on the western Frontiers of this Colony to Coos—

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Sam ^l Folsom forty pounds fourteen Shillings & a penny being for the board Horsekeeping & Expen- ces of Committee to this Day	}	L 40 14 1
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Ordered D ^o to pay Tim ^y Beedel Esq ^r forty five Shill ^s & Six pence the amount of his Acc ^t of Expences &c in a journey to Water- town by order of Congress—	}	1 5 6
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Wrote J Hancock Esq^r President of Continental Congress—

Wrote to New Hamp^r Delegates at Continental Congress and to Dr Langdon at Cambridge enclosing to two former Letters

13 Ordered Committee of Supplies to forward to head Quarters fourteen Barrels Gunpowder & a Quantity of Bullets—

14 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay W ^m Parker jr one hundred and fifty pounds—first months Wages of Cap ^t Shortridges Com- pany—)	}	150 0
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JULY 14th 1775 Appointed W^m Whipple Esq paymaster of first months Wages of Cap^t Shortridges Company—& Eliphalet Daniel to muster them

19 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Mess ^{rs} Folsom Parsons & Evans (Committee to pro- cure five hundred fire arms to be made) Thirty pounds to be by them accounted for—	}	£30 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay James Procter Nine pounds for Sixty Shod Shovels by him sup- plied—	}	9 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay Jonathan Perkins ten Shill ^s amount of his Acc ^t for keeping Door of Congress &c	}	0 10
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ordered D ^o to pay Moses Parsons three pounds ten Shillings amount of his Acc ^t for Expences in journeying after Gunsmiths—	}	3 10
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Ordered D ^o to pay Cap ^t Josiah Moulton three pounds Sixteen Shillings being the Sum he had advanced for his board & Expences as one of the Committee of Safety	}	3 16
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Ordered D ^o to pay Eben ^r Thompson Esq ^r } Thirty pounds to be by him accounted for—	30	0
24 th Ordered D ^o to pay Committee of Sup- } plies Six hundred Pounds to be by them } Accounted for—	600	0
Ordered D ^o to pay Gen ^l Sullivan thirty } pounds to be by him accounted for—	30	0

Appointed W^m Parker jr to muster Cap^t Parkers Company & to pay them first Months Wages—

31 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay W Par- } ker jr one hundred & twenty pounds first } Months Wages of part of Cap ^t Jn ^o Parkers } Company—	120	0
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AUG ^t 1 Ordered D ^o to pay Cap ^t Josiah } Moulton Ninety Seven pounds ten Shillings } to pay Billeting for Cap ^t Elkins Company—	97	10
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Ordered Cap^t Elkins to March his Company immediately to join the Army at Medford

Col^o Thornton Bartlet & Dr Thompson who at the request of this Committee went on Monday last to confer with Gen^l Washington & Gen^l Court of Mass^a returned on Friday evening having been on that Business five Days—

1775 AUG^t 1st Maj^r Hubbard made Return of his Mustering and paying the Regiments of this Colony at Medford

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Joseph Stacy } Sixteen Shillings for dieting Prisoners & Turn } keys	0	16
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Ordered D ^o to pay Cap ^t James Page forty } five Pounds Sixteen Shillings Months Wages } for part of Cap ^t Osgoods Company—	45	16
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ordered the Committee of Supplies to deliver Cap^t Page Twenty pounds of Gun powder & $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lead

7th Received a Letter from Gen^l Washington & another from Gen^l Sullivan by Maj^r Ceilley—In Consequence of which ordered the Maj^r to endeavour to have all the Powder (remaining in the Colony) which was taken from Fort W^m & Mary to be sent to Exeter—

Ordered the Committee of Supplies to Send twelve bbls Powder to Medford—

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Moses Par- } sons one of the Committee for procuring five } hundred fire Arms, twenty five Pounds to be } by him Accounted for—	25	0
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Received a Letter from Continental Congress

Wrote to Gen^l Schuyler relative to the three Companies of Rangers in this Colony—

Wrote to Col^o Bedel ordering him to wait on Gen^l Schuyler & to confer with him concerning the above

8 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay the Committee of Supplies Six hundred pounds to be by them accounted for	}	600 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay Israel Morey Esq ^r one hundred & Sixteen pounds ten Shillings to pay the first Months wages of part of Cap ^t Parkers and part of Cap ^t Osgoods Company	}	116 10
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Ordered Sam^l Cutts Esq^r to send All the Bullets Flints & Brimstone immediately to Exeter.

W^m Parker made Return of the Roll of part of Cap^t Parkers Company (viz^t 53 of them) & their Receipt for first months wages—

Israel Morey Esq^r returned Receipt of first months pay of Cap^t Bedels Company

1775 AUG^t 8th Wrote Rev^d Mr Peabody of Atkinson inviting him to be Chaplain to one of the Regiments of this Colony in the United American Army—

Wrote the Rev^d Mr McClinton on the same Account

15 appointed Rev^d Samuel Webster Chaplain of one of the New Hamp^r Regiments in the Amerⁿ Army

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay the Committee of Supplies Two hundred pounds to be by them Accounted for	}	£200 0 0
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Wrote Committee of Supplies at Medford ordering them to close their Accounts &c—

21 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Theodore Carlton fourteen pounds Six Shillings for boarding Col ^o Fenton &c	}	14 6
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Rev^d Mr McClinton accepted the Invitation to be Chaplain of one of our Colony Regiments, & appointed accordingly.

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Noah Emery Esq ^r five pounds Six Shillings & three pence for Boxes for the Inf ^r Court papers & filing the Same	}	5 6 3
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Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Sam ^l Folsom Esq ^r forty two Shill ^s for a Gun for Tho ^s Creighton a Soldier in Cap ^t Rowes Company.	}	2 2
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24 Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Samuel Morril & John Varnum Six pounds being for their and Parker Hills first months Wages, being Soldiers in Cap^t Hez^h Hutchins Company Col Reids Regiment the two former Wounded the last Killed in the Charlestown fight 17th of June last—NB said Hills wages were paid to an order from his father.

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Wrote Gen^l Sullivan by Mr Hobbs a special Messenger on a par^t occasion copy filed

25 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Committee of Supplies one Thousand Pounds to be by them accounted for

1000 0

at the Request of Mr Joseph Pierce ordered Deacⁿ Brooks to deliver him one of the Blank books of Records for Deeds

1775 AUG^t 25 Pursuant to Vote of Congress Josiah Bartlet Esq^r received out of the Colony Treasury one hundred & forty Pounds

140 0

29 Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Timothy Bedel Esq^r Ten pounds nine Shillings & a penny the Amount of his Account of Expenses on the Message to Gen^l Schuyler to and from Ticonderoga, by order of Committee of Safety and Sixty pounds more to be by him Accounted for

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Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay to pay Gen^l Folsom Sixty two Pounds ten Shillings & three pence the Ballance due to him for his Services at the Continental Congress in the Year 1774, pursuant to Vote of Congress last Winter, & this Summer again

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30 Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Cap^t James Osgood forty one pounds two Shillings & Six pence for billet^s himself & twenty men at 9^d p^r Day and

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thirty Six Shillings & two pence half penny amount of his Acc^t for returning Muster Roll of Said Men and

1 16 2½

Twelve pounds for Blankets for s^d 20 men

12 0

being fifty four pounds Eighteen Shillings & Eight pence half penny in the whole

54 18 8½

Received a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan in answer to ours of the 24th Ins^t

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay John Ged- dinge Esq ^r twenty Nine pounds Eighteen Shil- lings and Ten pence to be by him accounted for	}	29 18 10
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SEP ^t 1 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Israel Morey Esq ^r fifty Nine pounds to be by him Accounted for	}	59 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay Jon ^a Childs Esq ^r fifty Shillings & Eight pence amount of his Account of Expences for Mustering Col ^o Bedels & part of Cap ^t Osgoods Company	}	2 10 8
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Ordered D ^o to pay Rev ^d Abiel Foster forty Shillings for one Months pay for Geo: Shan- non a Soldier killd in the Charlestown fight	}	2 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay Joseph Stacey 6/3 for Victualling & turn key &c of David Campbel	}	0 6 3
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2 ^d Ordered D ^o to pay John Langdon Esq ^r one hundred pounds to be by him accounted for	}	100 0
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Ordered D ^o to pay Committee of Supplies five hundred Pounds to be by them Accounted for	}	500 0
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1775 SEP^t 11 Upon the Request of Moses Baker & others In behalf of the Town of Newmarket—agreed to Suspend the making out a Commission for Lieutenant Colon^l of the fourth Regiment of Militia in this Colony till the Next Meeting of the Congress—that they may have Opportunity to prefer a Petition against the Persons being commissioned who was by Congress chosen to that office.

To the Committee of Supplies.

12 You are desired to pay all Reasonable Accounts of any Town or Parish in this Colony for supplying the Several Companies in Col^o Poors Regiment with Provisions for their March from their respective homes to join the Army.

By order of the Committee

M Thornton Chairman

Ordered the Receiver Gen ^l to pay the Com- mittee of Supplies two hundred pounds to be by them Accounted for	}	200 0
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agreed that W^m Whipple Esq^r & Gen^l Folsom should wait on Gen^l Washington to enquire of him concerning the Coats promised the Troops &c.

16th Received a Message from Gen^l Washington requiring the payment of certain wages to those New Hamp^r Troops bound to Canada under Col^o Arnold

Appointed Deaⁿ Brooks to pay said Troops.

27 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay W ^m Whipple Esq ^r one hundred forty two pounds	}	142	6
Six Shillings LM to pay Cap ^t Salters Comp ^y			
one months Wages			

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Daniel Fowle Esq ^r thirty Six pounds four Shill ^s the ballance of his Acc ^t this Day Exam ^d & Adjusted	}	36	4

George King Esq^r appointed to pay Cap^t Salters Company their first Months wages.

Wrote the Col^{os} Reid Poor & Stark to order their several Captains to take & Send Rolls of their respective Companies from the time of their Enlistment to the 4th of August

1775 SEPT 27th In Committee of Safety Sep^t 27th 1775

Cap^t Titus Salter

You are hereby directed to take the Command of the Batteries on Pierces & Seveys Islands and keep a constant Guard at each with your Company taking Care to exercise them in the handling & management of Cannon & such other Exercises as you shall think necessary to make them Capable of doing their Duty at said Fortifications—You are not to suffer any Vessel to pass said Fortifications up the River without a Permit from the Committee of Safety of Portsmouth, except such Vessels as you are satisfied are only on a fair Trade—And if any armed Vessel shall attempt to pass without such permit you are to prevent the Same by firing upon & destroying such Vessel if Necessary—But in all Cases where time will admit of taking the Advice of the said Committee of Portsmouth You are to do it—and not fire on any Vessel that shall come into the Harbour without their advice & Consent if you have Time to obtain the Same.

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Committee of Supplies three hundred pounds to be by them accounted for	}	300	0

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Committee of Supplies three thousand Pounds to be by them Accounted for	}	3000	0

28 th Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Deac ⁿ Brooks three hundred & forty Eight Pounds Seven Shillings the amount of the Wages paid the N Hampshire Troops in Col ^o Arnolds Detachment & Expences of paying them	}	348	7

S^r we desire you to proceed to the Army—and there pay each non Commissioned Officer & Soldier of the Troops raised by this Colony, Twenty four Shillings each to be in full for the Coats promised them, excepting such as entered on Duty since the fourth of August—Also pay each man as aforesaid Twelve shillings, who has never received a Blanket, & if found by himself—provided the selectmen of his respective Town did not take an Account thereof which you are strictly to examine into. And to each Person his loss in cloathing & Soldiers Accoutrements, sustained at Charlestown Battle, deducting out to such as have received a Coat, the Value thereof, each Person producing an Account of his Loss & the value thereof under Oath that they have not over rated the same which oath You are desired to administer— And where any soldier is absent on furlow or his place supplied by another that the Money be paid the Captain taking his Receipt therefor

Col^o Tim^y Walker

In Committee of Safety Sep^r 28th 1775—

M. Thornton Chairman

In Committee of Safety Exeter Sept^r 28th 1775.

To the Committee appointed to Build Battery's to command the passage in Piscataqua River.

Gentlemen. It is Tho't expedient to lay a Boom across the River from Peirces to Seevey's Island Strong enough to hinder the passage of Vessels if possible. Therefore you are desired to take such condemned Masts as you can find most proper for the Occasion, and fit a Boom for the aforesaid purpose by securing them with Iron in such a manner & place as you shall Judge best to answer the purpose.

Received a Long Letter from Gen^l Sullivan & wrote him a Long Answer Copy enclosed in his on file—

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay W ^m Parker	}	10 0
ten pounds to be by him accounted for		

Deacⁿ Brooks made return of his paying of the Detach^t of N H Troops under Col^o Arnold

1775 Oct^r 10th Received a Letter from the Committee of Portsmouth informing of the Capture of the Ship Prince George by a Sub Committee—with a Copy of Gen^l Washingtons Letter to s^l Committee about the Cargo of said Ship

Ordered George King Esq^r to take Charge of the Cargo of the Ship Prince George & to deliver to Samuel Cutts Esqⁱ one hundred Bbls of Flour at Such Times & in such Quantities as he may need to Supply the Soldiers at the Batteries in Piscataqua Harbour—

received a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan enclosing a Petition of the Field Officers of the N Hamp^r Troops at Winter Hill requesting that the Gen^l may be entrusted with blank Commissions to fill up Vacancies in the Regiments there—

Wrote the Gen^l Sullivan an Answer to his Letter & the said Petition

Gave Cap^t Rob^t Parker orders to enlist a Company of Matrosses consisting of forty four Men inclusive of himself one Lieutenant & two Sargeant to guard & defend the Battery on Seeveys Island for the term of one Month unless it should appear to the Congress or this Com[']ittee expedient to dismiss them sooner & engaged them the Same pay for the Time they shall be in the Service as Cap^t Salters Company are to have—& that he enlist no man but is well accoutred

Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan in ans^r to ours of 28th last

11th Wrote Gen^l Washington relative to the above mentioned Ship & Cargo—Copy on file—

12th Wrote to Mess^{rs} Bartlet & Langdon at the Continental Congress—Copy filed—

Appointed Jon^a Perkins special Express to carry the above Letters to Tim^y Walker Esq^r at Winter Hill—

desired Decⁿ Brooks one of the Committee of Supplies to advance Perkins four Dollars for his Expences—

In Committee of Safety Oct^r 12th 1775

This Committee taking into Consideration the Necessity of the Regiments of Minute men being as speedily raised as possible hav^g reviewed the Votes of Congress relative thereto, & found a Vote for the Soldiers that enlist in the Minute Service to “continue till further Orders of the Congress;” which Vote must have been a Mistake of the Scribe or passd over by the Congress thro the hurry & Multiplicity of the Business they were engaged in when that passed, as it is very evident the Designs of Congress was to follow the Directions of the Continental Congress

Therefore it is now resolved by this Committee that the said Minute men be enlisted for the Term of four Months & that at the End of said Four Months the Officers proceed to enlist their Companies again in the same Manner as at first—And it is earnestly recommended to the Person who shall be appointed to enlist Minute men Use their Utmost endeavours to fill up the Companies as soon as possible, and to the Soldiers at this important Crisis when our all is at Stake, to engage in the Service, and as they will be relieved in four Months the Duty will be nearly equal among all the Militia—And the following Form is to be used for Enlistment

We the Subscribers do hereby severally enlist ourselves as Minutemen for the Term of four Months in the Company under the Command of _____ in the _____ Regiment of Minutemen in the Colony of New Hampshire. And we hereby promise to submit ourselves to the orders & Regulations of said Minutemen & faithfully to observe & obey such Orders as we shall receive from Time to Time from our Officers.

1775 OCT^r 16th Received a Letter from Gen^l Washington & another from Col^o Tim^y Walker in answer to ours of the 11th Instant by Perkins the Express—& a Letter of the Gen^l Stepⁿ Moylan Esq^r at Portsmouth which forwarded by M^r Morrison

Received a Letter from Col^o Thornton & answered it by the Same Messenger who brot his

17 th ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Committee of Supplies three hundred pounds to be by them Accounted for	}	300
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Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Cap ^t Josiah Moulton thirty pounds to be by him Accounted for	}	30
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Wrote to the Committee at Ports^m concerning a Vessell addressd to Joshua Wentworth Esq^r from Antigua & about the Inhabitants of the Isle of Shoals being supplied with the Necessaries of Life Copies filed

18 Wrote Gen^l Washington in auswer to his Letter of the fifteenth Ins^t copy filed

In Committee of Safety

Ex OCT^r 18th 1775

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You are desired to Sell at 20/ p^r C a Quantity of the Flour lately put under your Care, not exceeding 300 bbls to such Persons as appear as purchasers taking Care that no person monopolize a large Quantity & out of the money arising from the Sale pay the Seamen of the Ship Prince George Richard Emms Master the Wages that Shall appear due to them agreeable to their original Contract & keep in your Custody the Remainder of the Money until called for by this Committee or the Congress of this Colony—

By order of the Committee

Geo King Esq^r Chairmⁿ

In Committee of Safety Ex^r OCT^r 18th 1775

To the Several Captains & other Officers of the Militia in the Regiment in this Colony—You are desired to notify & call together

your several Companies at such Times & Places as you together with may agree & you are earnestly desired to use your utmost Endeavours to forward the enlisting the Complement of Minutemen out of your respective Companies—and the Selectmen & Committees of Safety in the Several Towns are requested to forward the Meeting of the several Companies & enlisting or drafting the Minutemen

Col^o Thornton having represented to this Committee that he had been requested to attend a Conference of Sundry Members from the Continental Congress & sundry Gent. from the other New England Colonies—and that the Circumstances his family were such as he feared would prevent his Attendance, & therefore desired some persons from this Committee should be appointed to attend the Same—therefore agreed that Col^o Weare & Gen^l Folsom be desired to repair immediately to Cambridge to attend the Said Conference in behalf of this Colony

23 On the Report that a Fleet was expected to attack the Capital of the Colony—the Committee was desired to repair thither in order to take into their Consideration what was necessary immediately to be done—

received a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan enclosing list of the Vacancies in the Several New Hampshire regiments—and requesting Commiss^{rs} to be filld for the Same—

26 received a Letter from the Delegates at Con^t Congress

D^o enclosing a Resolve of continental Congress

Received a Letter from Col^o Moulton accepting the Office of Col^o

D^o from Col^o Toppan declining D^o

ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Sam ^l Brooks	}	100
one hundred pounds to be Accounted for		

Ordered D ^o to pay Committee of Supplies	}	600
Six Hundred pounds to be Accounted for		

Received a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan concerning the Troops &c on Pierces Seveys Island &c.

27 Wrote W^m Knight Esq^r & others desiring them to appraise & place Vessels in Piscataqua Harbour

Answered Gen^l Sullivans letter respecting Troops &c

28 Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Nath ^l	}	3	14	9
Folsom three pounds fourteen Shill ^{gs} & nine				
pence Committees Expences at Portsm ^o				

CENSUS OF 1775

Return of the Number of Inhabitants &c in the Several Towns in the County
of Grafton

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Return of the Number of Inhabitants &c in the County of Rockingham

NAMES OF TOWNS	Males under 16 Years of Age	Males from 16 to 50 Years of Age not in Army	Males above 50 Years of Age	Persons in the Army	Females	Negroes & Slaves for Life	Total	Firearms fit for Use	Fire Arms wanting	Public Stocks of Powder	Powder in the hands of Private Persons
Portsmouth	1013	823	191	50	2373	140	4590				
Hampton	190	147	62	20	440	3	862	192			94 ³ / ₄
Exeter	401	273	86	51	892	38	1741	193	150	50	80 ³ / ₄
Londonderry	618	404	157	66	1316	29	2590	283	183	132 ³ / ₄	
New Castle	101	85	33		221	9	449	63		68	
Rye	206	146	47	15	442	14	870	170		0	101
Kingston	214	155	67	27	491	7	961		127	0	35
Newington	97	90	34	6	266	39	532	93	20	60	
Stratham	252	183	58	17	622	5	1137				
Greenland	169	136	42	10	381	21	759	108	33	45	61
Newmarket	322	212	50	30	658	17	1280				
South Hampton	109	92	27	10	259	1	498	66	31		58
Plastow	129	85	35	33	288	5	575	46	39	0	10
Hampstead	182	106	44	35	398	3	768	51	75		32
Salem	296	151	49	47	539	2	1084	104		43	71
Pelham	206	112	40	29	362	0	749	110	40		28
Chester	384	273	101	51	787	3	1599	175	112	0	30
Hampton falls	151	91	42	19	339	3	645	80	15	30	71
Nottingham	268	165	26	22	502	16	999	101	68	53	42 ³ / ₄
Brintwood	253	174	57	35	577	4	1100	113	68	40	160
Canterbury	199	124	30	35	331	4	723	45	109	80	
North Hampton	153	97	39	24	335	4	652	122		50	86
East Kingston	114	63	29	9	210	3	428	65			31
Newton	121	96	30	8	283	2	540	46	41		
Kensington	172	122	49	39	413	2	797	100			83
Windham	120	86	33	15	262	13	529	69	17		16 ¹ / ₂
Bow	88	47	11	17	187	0	350	33	14		13
Epping	377	242	77	61	793	19	1569				
Epsome	110	57	15	15	189	1	387	44	26		28
Pembroke	179	114	33	23	388	7	744				
Sandown	120	87	12	20	219	1	459	68	39	103	
Hawke	129	76	26	13	260	0	504	52			9
Concord	280	186	35	46	490	14	1052	98			
Candia	232	120	19	27	346	0	744	72	48	0	0
Raymond	187	120	24	18	334	0	683				
Poplin	153	92	24	7	274	2	552				
Deerfield	250	204	26	30	418	1	929	120	68		51
Atkinson	145	91	30	18	286	5	575	62	49		36 ¹ / ₄
Chichester	117	187	13	4	197	0	418	47	31	42	0
Allenstown	39	18	7	1	82	2	149	11			
Seabrook	144	109	39	11	304	0	607	74			24
Northwood	85	57	6	10	155	0	313	36	16	0	10
London	90	85	9	3	161	1	349	49	36		
Gosport											

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Return of the Number of the Inhabitants of the Several Towns in the County of Stafford

TOWNS NAMES	Males Under 16	Males from 16 to 50 Years of age	Males above 50	Persons in the Army	Females	Negroes & Slaves for Life	Total	Firearms fit for Use	Firearms Wanting	Public Stocks of Powder	Powder in hands of Private Persons
Dover	410	342	74	28	786	26	1666	180	60		
Durham	286	185	68	57	593	25	1214	222	0	200	76
Lee	236	147	58	12	497	4	954	119	51	24	51
Somersworth	245	129	36	46	479	30	965				
Barrington	464	245	72	23	848	3	1655	184			
Gilmantown	238	151	16	12	357	1	775	99	46	44 ¹ / ₂	5
Sanborntown	120	87	12	20	219	1	459				New entry
Rochester	396	303	61	26	759	3	1548	206		36	36 ³ / ₄
Madbury	164	117	38	7	345	6	677	78	62	60	60
Barnstead	82	53	4	2	111	0	252	28	25	0	0
New Durham	70	50	15	6	144	1	286	27	20	0	3
Gore	35	20	1	0	44	0	100	10	0	0	0
Middletown	72	40	7	6	108	0	233	27	20		4
Eastown Wakefield	86	70	10	4	149	1	320				
Leavits town	23	16	2	3	39	0	83	11	5	0	2 ¹ / ₄
Wolfeborough	57	53	4	4	91	2	211	34	25	25	5
Monltonborough	76	61	9	4	122	0	272	31			new return
Sandwich	81	45	9	1	109	0	245	27		36	
Holderness	49	36	7	0	80	0	172	25	10		1 ¹ / ₂ 3-16
Meredith	70	50	7	10	122	0	259	30	26	50	0
Campton	57	44	5	1	83	0	190				
Gore on Conway Road	4	6	3	0	13	0	26	4	2		1 ¹ / ₄
Tamworth	50	32	2	3	64	0	151	17			new return

Return of the Number of Inhabitants &c in the Several Towns in the County of Cheshire

NAME OF TOWNS	Males Under 16	Males from 16 to 50 Years of Age	Males above 50	Persons in the Army	Females	Negroes & Slaves for Life	Total	Fire Arms fit for Use	Fire arms wanting	Public Stocks of Powder	Powder in private Persons hands
Swansey	168	118	25	20	316	0	647	72	50		16
Walpole	214	100	26	33	283	2	658				
Rindge	135	108	12	35	250	2	542	21			
Westmoreland	213	127	23	38	357	0	758	63	67		
Winchester	207	112	30	18	354	2	723	68			18
Hindsdale											
Gilsom	45	32	10	7	84	0	178	15		0	0
Cornish	83	77	9	4	136	0	309	53	33	0	20
Surry	59	37	8	7	104	0	215	23	22		5
Plainfield	78	83	13	0	134	0	308	36	49		
Charlestown	158	94	17	22	303		594				
Dublin	88	54	9	10	143	1	305	32	31		9
Claremont	148	125	18	1	231	0	523	60	65		
Alstead	88	79	5	4	141	0	317	18		0	0
Marlow	56	45	6	9	91	0	207	26			
Newport	46	39	4	1	67	0	157	14			2
Croydon	37	34	2	3	67	0	143			0	5
Ackworth											
Saville	15	14	4	3	29	0	65	5			1
Unity	39	35	3	7	62	0	146	13	25	0	0
Monadnock No 2											
Jaffrey	90	72	8	16	165	0	351				new return
Do No 4. Fitz William											
Do No 5 Marlborough	104	54	2	14	148	0	322	26	28		5 ¹ / ₂
Do No 6 Packerfield	52	34	4	13	83	0	186	23	10		6
Stoddard	75	38	7	11	93	0	224	14	24	0	0
Chesterfield	241	155	30	36	442	0	874	86	99	0	0
Washington	47	29	4	6	77	0	161	13		0	6
Lemster	43	31	4	1	49	0	128	17	18	0	0
Richmond	280	143	16	26	395	0	860	56	88		5
Keene	174	140	24	31	387	0	756	72	92	90	22

Nov^r 1775 Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Committee of Supplies one hundred pounds to be Accounted for } 100

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Committee of Supplies five hundred pounds to be Accounted for } 500

Ordered D^o to pay Committee of Supplies four hundred pounds } 400

16 Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Committee of Supplies five hundred pounds to be Accounted for } 500

ordered D^o to Col^o Thornton fifteen Pounds to be Accounted for } 15 0

1775 Nov^r 16th Being the last Day of the Sitting of the Congress of this Colony—they Voted that the Committee of Safety be continued till the Sitting of the Congress called to Meet the twenty first Day of December next—with same Power & Authority as heretofore.

17th Ordered the Receiver General to pay Sam^l Cutts Esq^r Commisary five hundred pounds LM to be by him Accounted for } 500

Ordered D^o to pay Pierce Long Barrack-master Sixty Pounds LM to be by him Accounted for } 60

In the Evening Received a letter from Col^o Bedel by express with the agreeable News of the Surrender of the Fortress at St Johns

18th Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Benj^a Grant the above mentioned Express five Pounds for his Service & Expençe } 5 0

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Is^l Morey Esq^r three hundred pounds LM out of the Gold in the Treasury, to be by him sent to Canada for the Payment of the N H Troops under the Command of Col^o Bedel } 300

Wrote Gen^l Schuyler on the Subject of Paying & Supplying our Troops in his Army—Copy filed

Wrote Gen^l Montgomery on the Same—being a Copy of the Same sent Gen^l Schuyler

Gave Col^o Morey orders about Sending the Money to Canada—Copy filed

Committee adjourned to meet at Portsm^o at Nath^l Folsoms on Monday next A M

Nov^r 21 1775 Committee met at Portsmouth

Wrote the Delegates of the Continental Congress & enclosed the Numbers of the Inhabitants of this Colony, copy filed

23^d ordered receiver Gen^l to pay Geo Gaines Esq^r Quarter Master one hundred pounds LM to be by him Accounted for—£100

Ordered D ^o to pay Pierce Long Esq ^r Bar-	} 60
rack M ^r Sixty pounds LM to be by him	
Accounted for	

Cap^t Philip Goldthwait was bro't before the Committee on Suspicion of being Unfriendly to the Liberties of America—upon Examination nothing appearing against him ordered that he be dismissed

John Stavers & Hugh Henderson Persons suspected of being unfriendly to the American Cause, not contending for, being notified Appeared before the Committee & each declared for himself that he judged the aforesaid Cause just on the Side of the Americans & that he would do everything in his to promote the Same and for the Defence of this Country against its Enemies—

Hon^{ble} Daniel Rogers Esq^r being bro't before the Committee as a Person unfriendly to the Liberties of America—upon Examination nothing appearing against him ordered that he be dismissed—

24 Gave Col^o Wingate orders respecting the Companies com^d-anded by Cap^{ts} Hodgdon Coffin Clark Parsons Baker Elkins & Copp & Webster & to muster Cap^t Websters Company & to take Care of the fire Raft—Copy filed

Received a Petition of Rich^d Emms & Matthew Morley ordered that it lay

Received a Letter from Mess^{rs} Dean Adams & Mythe of the Continental Congress dated the 19th Oct^r 1775 with a resolve of Said Congress relative to the Damage done the Several Colonies by the Enemy—filed—

ordered the Receiver Gen ^l to pay Nath ^l	} 3 7 11
Folsom of Portsmouth three pounds Seven	
Shillings & Eleven pence halfpenny the	
Expence of this Committee at his house	

24th Nov^r 1775—Rec^d Cap^t Thompsons Return ab^t the fire Rafts

Received a Letter from Delegates at Continental Congress enclosing a resolve of Continental Congress concerning Govern^t & ab^t Exportation filed

adjourned to Tuesday next

28 Received a Letter of Col^o Bartlet inclosing resolves of Congress ab^t Salt petre & another ab^t Government filed

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Sam^l Cutts
 Commissary Seven hundred pounds to be
 by him Accounted for } 700

Ordered D^o to pay S Cutts Esqr one of the
 Committee to procure Powder Eight hundred
 Pounds L M to be by him accounted for } 800

29 Ordered D^o to pay John Rice Esqr
 thirty two pounds ten Shillings & ten pence
 the amount of his Acc^t for boarding Commit-
 tee from 18th July to 18th Nov^r inclusive } 32 10 10

Ordered D^o to pay John Ward Gilman
 twenty Shillings for making a Seal } 1

Ordered Cap^t Salter to fill his Company to Ninety Men inclusive
 of Officers & no more to serve till last of Dec^r next unless dis-
 charged sooner—copy filed

Ordered D^o to deliver Cap^t Daniels a Large Cannon equal in
 bore to the largest he had on Seveys Island copy filed

Ordered Cap^t Daniel to fill his Company to Sixty Seven & no
 more including Officers to Serve till last of Dec^r next unless dis-
 charged sooner—copy filed

Ordered James Hacket Esqr to Muster the Companies of Mat-
 rosses, not already mustered, & to return Lists of the Companies—
 copy filed

Ordered D^o to pay W^m Parker Sixteen
 Pounds to be by him accounted for } 16 0

1777 Nov^r 26th Appointed William Parker Paymaster of the
 Troops raised for the particular Defence of this Colony—copy of
 his orders filed

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay W^m Parker three hundred Pounds
 for the purpose above mentioned 300

Examined & allowed Cap^t Rob^t Craffords pay Roll of his Men
 engaged for fourteen Days—& as he produced an order from all
 the Men Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay him the Amount of the
 Same being thirteen pounds twelve Shillings 13 12

Examined & Allowed Smith Emersons pay Roll
 & ordered it to be paid 85 6 10

Examined & allowed Thomas Folsoms pay Roll
 & ordered it to be paid 29 4 3

Examined & Allowed David Quinbys pay Roll &
 ordered the Same to be paid 37 8 3

Examined & allowed Timothy Emersons pay
 Roll & ordered the Same to be paid 8 1 5

Examined & allowed Geo Terry Osbornes pay
Roll & ordered it to be paid

40 13 10

Adjourned to Monday next at Exeter

In Consequence of a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan by Express informing of withdrawing of the Connecticut Troops from the Lines at Cambridge, & desiring a Number of Troops to be Sent from this Colony to supply their Place the Committee met at Portsmouth on the 2^d day of Dec^r—&

Dec^r 2^d—Gave orders to the following Gentlemen each to enlist a Company of Sixty one able bodied Men including 3 Serjeants & 3 Corporals well provided with Arms and Blankets to serve in the Continental Army under the Command of Gen^l Washington until the 15th Jan^y next unless sooner discharged & as soon as enlisted to march them immediately to join Gen^l Sullivans Brigade—viz^t

Cap ^{ts} David Place	Henry Elkins	Daniel Runnels	& John Waldron
Alpheus Chesley	David Copp	Moses Baker	
Mark Wiggin	Joseph Parsons	Moses Yeaton	
Elijah Denbo	Jacob Webster	Nath ^l Odiorne	
Peter Coffin	Stephen Clark	Greenleaf Clark	

1775 DEC^r 3^d Wrote to Sam^l Hobart Esq^r (sent him a Copy of Gen^l Sullivans Letter—& Six blank enlisting orders desiring him to give them to suitable Persons towards & in the County of Hills-boro'
copy filed—

Wrote to Col Tim^y Walker sent him blank orders for three Cap^{ts} copy filed

Delivered orders for one Cap^t to Gen^l Folsom to be by given to such Person as he should judge proper

Sent enlisting orders to Cap^t James Hill of Newmarket & Maj^r Thomas Bartlet of Nottingham

Delivered like orders for one Cap^t to Col^o Evans to be by him dispose^d of

Wrote Col^o David Gilman & enclosed like orders for three Cap-
tains to be by him disposed of

with each of the aforementioned orders were likewise delivered & sent forms of Enlistments a Copy of which as well as of the orders is filed

Ordered Receiver Gen ^l to pay Cap ^t Moses	}	35 0
Baker thirty five pounds to be by him		
Accounted for		

Ordered D ^o to pay George Gains Quarter	}	100
master one hundred pounds to be by him		
Accounted for		

Ordered D^o to pay W^m Parker three hundred pounds for payment of Troops in this Colony Service } 300

Ordered Cap^t Moses Baker to dismiss his Company

Examined & allowed Cap^t David Copps Pay }
Roll of his Company & ordered it to be paid being } 52 3

Examined & Allowed Cap^t Stephen Hodgsons pay Roll of his Company & ordered it to be paid being 75 15 8

D^o Cap^t David Place's 72 1 10

2^d D^o Cap^t Alphens Chesleys 34 9 5

2^d D^o Cap^t Mark Wiggin 31 4

3^d D^o Cap^t Hall Jacksons field Artillery Comp^y 39 13 3

4th D^o Cap^t Caleb Hodgsons Comp^y 51 3 3

D^o Cap^t John Hills 59 17 7

D^o John Taylois 38 13 3

D^o Cap^t James Hills 64 18 1

D^o Cap^t Moses Yeaton 5 Day Roll 14 18 8

D^o his 15 Day D^o 46 12

D^o Cap^t Joseph Parsons 61 5 2

D^o Cap^t Henry Elkins 60 19 6

D^o Cap^t Elip^t Daniels Over plus men

1775 DEC^r 4 Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan filed

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Cap^t Stephen Clark to be by him accounted for } 65

Gave liberty for all the Soldiers in this Colony Service to enlist in Continental Service

5th Ordered W^m Parker to pay Cap^t David Copp three pounds out of the money in his hands } 3

Ordered D^o to pay L^t And^t Gilman forty Shill^s out of D^o in part of wages due to them } 2

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to Pay Cap^t Peter Coffin Sixty five pounds for him to be accountable out of his Companys Wages } 65

Wrote to General Sullivan p^r post copy filed

rec^d a Letter from him—filed

Rec^d a Petition from W^m Hart. Ordered that it lay

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay W^m Parker two hundred pounds for payment of Troops in N. H Service 200

Examined & Allowd Cap^t John Waldrons }
pay Roll of his Company & order it to be p^d } 39 11 4
being

D^o Cap^t Thomas Berrys 20 5 6

D^o Cap^t Nath^l Hobbs 42 8 11

D^o Cap^t Nich^s Rollings 21 10 2

6 Gave Col^o Wingate orders respecting the Soldiers in this Colony Service—Copy filed

7 Wrote to Gen^l Folsom to deliver the Guns at Esq^r Rices to Cap^t Alpheus Chesley taking his rec^t for the Same

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Nath^l Folsom j^r Eight pounds four Shillings & Eleven pence this Committees Expence } 8 4 11

Ordered D^o to pay W^m Parker two hundred pounds for payment Troops in Colony Service } 200 0

Adjourned to Exeter to meet on the 11th Curr^t

Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Washington filed

11th Rec^d a Letter from Col^o Bartlet enclosing a Letter from Mess^r Pen & Lee to Speaker of House of Representatives & Sunday Resolves of Continental Congress

Examined & allowd Cap^t Ab^m Frenches pay Roll of his Company & ordered it to be p^d being £50 9 8

1775 DEC^r 12 ordered Receiver Gen^l to }
pay the Committee appointed to procure Powder abroad Six hundred pounds to be by them } 600
accounted for

Ordered D^o to pay W^m Parker two hundred pounds for payment of Troops in Colony Service } 200

Examined & allowd Cap^t Cutting Cielleys }
pay Roll of his Company & ordered it to be } 49 2 10
paid being

D^o Cap^t Samuel Hayes 47 10

13 Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay the Committee for procuring Powder abroad the Light Gold in the Treasury according to an account thereof by him exhibited to this Committee

Ordered D ^o to pay Col Thornton Six pounds the Sum Voted him by the late Congress for his time & Expence going to Cambridge & attend ^s the Grand Council there	6
Ordered D ^o to pay Col ^o Weare & Cap ^t Moulton Nine pounds three Shillings & Seven pence the amount of their Acc ^t for gett ^s £20000 printed	9 3 7
Ordered D ^o to pay Geo: Gains Quarter Master one hundred pounds to be by him accounted for	100

Agreed & directed that Col^o Thornton & Col^o Weare wait on Gen^l Washington to confer with him about recruiting the Continental Army

Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Sullivan—filed

14th Rec^d & Considered the Petition of Cap^t John Evans and answered it Copies of each filed

15 Examined & allowed the pay Roll of Cap^t Joseph Clifford & ordered it to be paid being

D^o Cap^t Richar^d Dow 22 12 8 68 6 4

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay W^m Parker three hundred pounds for the payment of Troops in Colony Service } 300

16 Ordered D^o to pay Elisha Odlin thirty Shillings for going Express to Canterbury & Dover } 1 10

Gave Col^o Hobart orders respecting the Payment of N Hamp^r Troops in Continental Service—copy filed

Ordered Receiver Gen^l to pay Col^o Hobart Seven Thousand pounds for payment of N H Troops in Contin^l Service to 4th August } 7000

Ordered D^o to pay Jn^o Rice Esq^r four pounds for Committees Board to this Day } 4

1775 DEC^r Examined & allowd Cap^t Benj^a Butler Esq^r his Pay Roll & ordered it to be paid being 55 0 11

JANUARY 20th 1776. The General Court of this Colony having appointed a new Committee of Safety for this Colony consist^g of the Following persons Viz. Meshech Weare. Nath^l Follsom. Ebenezer Thompson. Philips White Josiah Moulton & Pierce Long Esq^{rs} they proceeded to Bussiness—

appointed the Honb^{le} Meshech Weare Esq^r Chairman

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Israel Morey & John Bellows Esq^{rs} Three Thousand two Hundred & Eighty seven pounds Twelve Shillings being for 2 months wages of the Regiment now raising for Canada £3287 12 0

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Morey & Bellows afor^d Six Hundred & Thirty Pounds for procuring provisions Billeting &^c for which they are to Account 630

JAN^{ry} 21st delivered Coll Wait 4 Warrants for Captains to enlist men and orders as Lieut^t Coll. copies filed .

delivered Coll Morey and Bellows orders for procuring necessities for Coll Bedels Regiment—copy filed

JAN^{ry} 29th Met. not Members enough present to proceed on Bus^s

30th took into Consideration a Letter received from the Chairⁿ of the Committee of Portsmouth requesting leave for Cap^t Sylvester to load Boards for Rhode Island, and determined the request could not be granted.

ordered the Receiver General to pay Samuel Atkinson for his time and Expences going after Coll Bedel £1 11

Petitions being preferred by Capt Geo Turner, and Lieut^t Thomas Pickering, complaining of each other. Determined that Major George Gains be desired to Receive from Cap^t George Turner the field pieces, together with the Stores belonging to them and deposit the same in some safe place till further orders.

ordered the Quarter Master to deliver Coll Morey 720 Gun Flints for the use of Coll Bedels Regiment.

gave directions to Coll Morey to request Jonathan Blanchard Esq^r to Muster and pay Capt Archelaus Towns Company, their advance money

JANUARY 31st ordered the Receiver General to pay Coll Thornton & Capt Moulon the Balance of their acc^t for going as a Committee to wait Gen^l Washington 4 3 1

By the desire of General Sullivan gave an order on the Receiver General to pay Major Peter Coffin 1398 8 for advance to pay a Reg^t raising under Coll John Waldron, for which said Sullivan is to account for

wrote to Jonathan Blanchard, and John Bellows Esq^{rs} by express to forward the enlisting Coll Bedels Regim^t

ordered Coll. Morey and Bellows to pay each Soldier whom they should Muster, being an Able Bodied Effective man well Accounted, Forty Shillings Lawful Money as a Bounty, and Two Months pay to each Commission Officer Also one Months pay to

each Non Commission Officer and Soldier at the Rates Established by the Continen^l Congress. And Assist in providing for and forwarding the Regiment with all Speed. And make return of your doings with all Speed to the General Court of this Colony or Committee of Safety. You are likewise to observe that the Soldiers that receive the Colony Guns are to be informed that they are to Allow one Dollar for the use of the same, and should they not return them at the end of the Campaign they are to Allow therefor 45 L M each, and the Officers are to take care that the above Stoppages are made upon making up the pay Rolls. Those Guns Manufactured in New Hampshire to be 60/.

wrote to Thomas Sparhawk one of the late Committee of supplies to come and close his acc^t.

Gave Major Welch an order on the Rec^r General for 1-0 for going express to Merrimac—

FEB^y 1st ordered Cap^t Titus Salter to deliver the field pieces & Stores lately took from Cap^t Turner to him again without delay

wrote to a number of Towns who have been deficient in Sending in the Number of their Inhabitants, to do it without delay—

Ordered the Treas^r to pay George Gains the Balance of his Acc^t Exhibited this day amounting to £69 5 1¾

note his whole Account not Exhibited because many Bills out

ordered the Treasurer to pay Maj^r Gains to be by him accounted for as Quarter master 100 0 0

ordered the Treasurer to pay Coll. Morey one Thousand Pounds to Buy Snow Shoes Blankets Hatchets and Rum for the Canada Reg^t £1000

FEB^y 2^d Spent in writing a number of Letters & waiting for Coll Bedel

3^d Fill^d up Continental Commissions for Colonel Bedels Regiment

ordered the Receiver General to pay Theophilus Gilman for Axes & Hatchets 17 5 0

ordered Ditto to pay Mes^r Thurstin & Jones for Ditto

7 17 6

ordered Dit^t to pay Ms^r Rundlet & son for D^o 28 7 4½

ordered D^o to pay Rich^d Champney for his Expences after Tin Kettles 1 2 10

gave orders to Coll Morey to be paymaster to Coll Bedels Comp^y L^{ts} Thornton & Ensign Wheelers

and ordered the Treasurer to pay him 140

Likewise to pay Coll Morey the Balance of his acc^t

63 7 3

Gave orders to Maj^r Gains to Muster Salter & Daniels Companys adj^d to Tuesday 10 'Clock

TUESDAY FEB^y 6th not members enough present to proceed on Bussiness

7^h ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll of Cap^t Peter Coffin amounting

94 12 5

Stopping from Cap^t Coffin

13 2

THURSDAY FEB^y 8th 1776 Orderd the Treasurer To pay Cap^t W^m Cooper his pay Roll

6 17 6

FRYDAY 9th Orderd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Henry Elkins his pay Roll

117 17 4

Gave Liberty to Capⁿ W^m Fernald to proceed to Philledelphia, Virginia, Maryland or North Carolina He giving Bond to the Committee of Safety of the Town of Portsmouth, With Sureties in a Sufficient Sum that he will by no means, Break or Intrude any Resolve or declaration of the Continental Congress

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Coll^o

Folsom the amount of Expences of the Indians

Who came here from head quarters—

} £3 2 5

SATURDAY 10th FEB^y Orderd the Treasurer to pay M^r Nich^s Nicholls 24/ Towards his Expences in Transporting the Indians to

1 4 0

ordered the Treasurer to pay Lu^t Matthew Thornton his wages & price of Rations as made up in the Roll amo^s to

18 19 2

To the foll^o Persons Sold, in osgoods Comp^y the sum set against their names being in full of their wages Exclusive of Coat Money

Andrew Nealey 3 15 3 Solomon Todd 4 9 8 John Wallace 4 19 1

Stephen Bethel 6 4 9 John Ryant 9 6 2 Duncan McGregore 8 7 2

Joseph Hatch 7 13 1

ordered the Receiver General to pay Joseph Ayers to be by him Accounted for out of his Expens^s in Trausport^s the Indians

6

ordered the Treasurer to pay Abner Chamberlin the Sum of Sixteen pounds Eleven Shillings & four pence for Going Express to Canada to carry Money to Coll Bedel

ordered the Treas^r to pay Cap^t James Osgood his own wages price of Rations & Stopages out of the Soldiers wages acc^d to his pay Roll, also the wages &^c Due to Ezekiel Walker George Kentfield, Supply Walker, Ebenezer Green Nath^l Eastman Benjamin Heath Leonard Herryman Jonathan Johnson, Barnes Hazelton

Ezekiel Stickney John Moore, Joseph Colby, Zephaniah Petty Daniel Chandler Jonathan Dresser, Abiel Messer Daniel Emerson Cross Thomas Spring, Archibald Sterling.

Ordered the Receiver General, to pay M^r Theodore Carlton 10 3/ for the Expences of Indians &c while at his house

Ordered the Receiver General to pay M^r Ebenezer Green, the following Sums—being Stoppages—Viz

	Cap ^t Parker	52	7	6
Coll ^o Beedels	Com ^y Lien ^t Ab ^r Palmer	77	19	7
	Coll ^o Beedels Staff Roll	19	14	1
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		150	1	2
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Order'd the Receiver General to pay M^r John Noble 6/ for bringing a Letter from Head Quarters from J. W.

Ordered the Treasurer to Pay Cap^t John Parker his wages

Price of Rations and Stoppages amount ^s to	159	13	10
also Leint ^t Asa Pattee Wages	16	10	7
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John Pattee 10 9⁵/₁₀, Joseph Harvel 11 3¹⁰/₁₀ Alex^r Packer 8 17¹⁰/₁₀ Will^m Durrah 10 11¹/₄ Sam^l Packer 10 6⁶/₁₀, Jam^s Thomson 10 1⁶/₁₀ Stephⁿ Lowell 8 8³/₁₀ Sam^l Gault 6 15⁸/₁₀ Asa Pattee Ju^r 2 2⁹/₁₀ Sam^l Smith 4 9⁹/₁₀ John Loring 6 19¹¹/₁₀

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Coll^o Timothy Beedell 785. L M^y to be by him deliverd to Israel Morey Esq^r to pay of the Troops at Cohass

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Jared Tracey Thirty Six dollars, for bringing 12,500 dollars from Philledelphia and delivering the Same, to Said Receiver General

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Coll^o Timothy Beedel, £48 19²/₂ L M^y for Supplying the Sick of four Comp^{ys}

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Coll^o Timothy Beedel £50 L M^y in Gold and Silver, to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t James Osgood 13 7 6 for Expences attending the Sick of his Comp^y

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Pierce Long One hundred pounds to be by him Acc^{td} for as Barrack Master

SUNDAY 11th Spent in fitting off dispatches of Coll Morey Coll Bedel & the Canada Officers

TUESDAY FEB^y 13^h ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to D^r Josiah Gilman his Acc^t for Doct^s the Indians

1 6 9

WEDNESD^y Feb^y 14th Ordered the Receiver General to pay to

Sam^l Brooks Jun^r for his Time Expences and Horse hire to Hampton, and to Portsmouth, Express for a Carriage and man, to Carry the Indians to Suncook, it being Very Stormy 0 14 0

THURSDAY FEB^y 15 Order'd the Receiver General to pay of Cap^t Titas Salters Roll, to Each man Respectively he having Accounted for 362 18 11 Pr his Rec^t to the Treasurer Likewise Orderd him to pay his Short Roll of 39 16 9

FRYDAY 16 Orderd the Receiver General to pay Sam^l Cutts as Commissary £320 to be by him Acc^t for

SATURDAY 17 Order'd the Receiver General to pay Nich^s. Nicholas 35/ for Truck^s While at Portsmouth.

Order'd the Receiver General to pay M^r Benjamin Partridge 14 1/4 1/2 for Placing five Rafts &c—

SATURDAY 17th FEB^y 1776 Orderd the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Cap^t David Copps for his Comp^y at Portsm^o at the Same time to deduct out of Cap^t Copps Roll Three pounds, he Received in Advance and forty Shillings p^r L^t Gilman—

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Cap Eliph^t Daniels Roll to Each man up to the 31st December he having Acc^t for 234 18 10. Received as th his Roll at the Treasury

Order'd the Receiver General to pay M^r Richard Champney for his Time, Horse hire and Expences going to Milton after paper to print Money on 3 10 6

Orderd the Receiver General to pay of the Roll of Cap Joseph Parsons for his Comp^y at Portsm^o

Order'd the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels C^o up to the 17th Feb^y Inclusive—

THURSDAY 22^d Orderd the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Cap^t Jacob Webster Also to pay Cap^t Webster 2 1 1 for Stop-pages

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Titas Salters Roll, made up to the 16th Febuary Inclusive

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Deacon John Hill 71 19/6 being the cost (after making the Necessary deductions) of two pair of fire Rafts made at Berwick and for Delivering the Same at Portsmouth

Orderd and the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Moses Baker £120 0/6 Being the Ballance due on his Roll

THURSDAY FEB^y 22^d 1776 Orderd the Receiver General to pay Leiu^t Dearings Roll made up from the 11th to 15 Nov^r being 4 days Only

Orderd Receiver General to pay Cap^t George Turners Roll made from 15 Nov^r to the 15^h January--1776.

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t George Turner his Roll made from 15th to the 30th Jan^y at Which Time they were discharged

Major George Gains made a Return of the Soldiers Muster'd in Cap^t Salters Com^y (Right)

ditto of those in Cap^t Daniels Comp^y

FRYDAY 23^d Received a Letter from Cap^t John Langdon Requesting some powder for his Carpenters. In Answer to which we advised him that the quarter Master, Should be order'd to deliver them 1/2^c Each out of the Public Stock at the Time of Danger to be by them Accounted for

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Major Gains 41 17 4 1/2 Ballance due 7^p Acc^t

Orderd Major Gains to Apply to Major Hackett M^r John Marshall and Cap^t John Hill to Apprize the Damages the Gundelo's and Boats have sustained in the Service of the Colony

At the Request of the Proprietors of the Schooner Privateer, Called the Enterprize, We have appointed Thom^s Palmer Comm^r in the Room of Cap^t Daniel Jackson Who has Resigned

FRYDAY 23^d Orderd The Receiver General to pay Coll^o Jacob Gale 14 1/6. being the Am^t of his Acc^t for Short hoes &c

ordered D^o to pay Major Gains to be Accounted for 375 0 0

SATURDAY 24th Cap^t Benjamin Boardman Returned to the Receiver General Two fire Arms. Likewise four pounds Sixteen Shillings Cash, in Lieu of Two Others Not Returned

APRIL 2^d 1776. The General Court of this Colony Appointed The following Gentlemen to be a Comm^t of Safety, In the Recess of the Court—The Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Nathan^l Folsom, & Eben^r Thomson Esq^r of the Council. And Phillips White, Josiah Moulton John Dudley, Rob^t Wilson, Stephen Evans Esq^{rs} & Cap^t Pierse Long of the Assembly, Who Proceeded to Business.

Appointed the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare, Esq Chairman

3^d Orderd the Treasurer to pay Capth Ebenezar Dearings pay Role, being for One months advance Wages, & Blankett Money, Amounting to 124 10/. L M^y

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Samuel Cutts Esq^r Commissary, Six hundred Pounds L Money—to be by him Accounted for.

Order'd the Receiver General to deliver Josiah Moulton Esq

Two pounds of the Colony Powder now in his Possession he paying therefor at the Rate of 3¹/₂ L M^y 7¹/₂ lb

Order'd the Receiver General to pay to Cap^t John Calf, One pounds, One Shilling for the mast used in the Exeter fire Rafts—

4th Order'd the Receiver General to pay the Select Men of Hampton five pounds fourteen Shill^{ls} and Two pence, for Moving and Repairing a Guard House

Agreed to meet Coll^o Hubbard at Exeter Thursday 23^d Instant

APRIL 9th 1776 Pursuant to agreement, the Committee met at Portsmouth.

ordered the Receiver General to pay to Lieu^t Sam^l Atkinson Fourteen Pounds, Thirteen Shillings, & Eleven pence for the Expence of Transporting the Indians Sent from Exeter from Boscawen to Plymouth.

10th Employed the chief of the Day in Viewing the Great Island, Peirces & Seeveys Islands

11 Gave Josiah Bartlet Esq^r an order on the Treasurer for Four Pounds Thirteen Shillings, for his going twice to Water Town on Publick Business for the Colony. and also for one Hundred Pounds to be Accounted for.

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Christopher Toppan Esq^r one Hundred and Ninety Pounds for 8 Six Pounders at £20. and for Two Ditto at £15

Gave Liberty to Cap^t William Pearne to fix a Vessel out for the Foreign West Indias, To be loaded with Such Articles, as are not forbid by any Resolve of the Continental Congress. Among other Articles to carry about 70 M of Boards the Neat proceeds of which is to be laid out in Such things as we may direct, the Colony to receive the Same on their Arrival, Allowing the first Cost, Customary Commissions & freight home, the Residue to be laid out as he may think fit, for all which he is to give Bonds.

12th Sent off an Express to Boston After Cannon &c—and wrote Several Letters. gave James McCluer an order for 5 10 for one Months Wages and Adj^t to Coll Gilman

APRIL 24th Met at Exeter according to appointment Gave John Langdon Esq^r a Permit for the Brig Marquis of Kildare, Thomas Palmer Master to proceed to Europe with her Lading &c

Gave Coll Burnam an order on the Treasurer for £12 4 10 for his Time & expences at Medford Mustering the 31 Companies Sent down there

25th Gave Coll Sam^l Follsom an order on the Treasurer for £12 5, his Bill for Room, firewood & Candles for the Committee of Acc^{ts}

Gave Comfort Sever and John Crane, an order on the Receiver General for £7 12 4 L M^y for the Expences of the Indians on their Return to Canada

Gave the Select Men of North Hampton an order on the Receiver General for 4 8 9 for halling a Watch house on Boars head

Gave Liberty to General Folsom to Receive out of the Public Stock of Powder, One Barrel, for One Borrowed of the Town of Exeter, And Carried to Portsmouth Last fall

Gave an order on the Receiver General to pay Cap ^t Eliphalet Daniels pay Role am ^t to	154	12
d ⁿ for Blank ^t M ^y	38	8

which Role was made up to 17th April Inst. £193 0

Gave directions to the Select men of Rochester to deliver Coll^o Stephen Evans a four pound Cannon now in Town, To be carried to Piscataqua Harbour

APRIL 26th Received from Major Geo: Gains, Three Thous^d Weight of Powder, Which he was directed to bring up here by the Assembly and Lodged the same in the Powder House

Gave an order on the Receiver General for £80 L M^y in favour of Quarter Master Gains

Gave Major Gains an Order to Proceed to Boston for the Cannon & Stores Sent

Gave Samuel Cutts Esq Commissary an order on the Treasurer for £600 to be by him Accounted for

MAY 7th 1776 By Special Order of the Chairman we this day mett at Exeter to consider of a requisition from the Hon^{ble} Thomas Cushing Esq^r in behalf of the Massachusetts Bay Colony for assistance in case of an Invasion there.

ordered General Folsom to direct the Colonels of the Several Regiments in the Countys of Rockingham, Strafford, and Hillsborough to hold themselves in readiness to march in case of an Invasion

Gave an order on the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Long in behalf of the Comm^{te} to Import Powder three Hundred Pounds to be Accounted for

Order'd The Receiver General pay Sergeant Pinkham Role, To Eben^r Thomson Esq amountⁿ to 2 4 1

Ordered The Receiver General to pay M^r John Emery Twenty One pounds 7 6 in full for 69 days Services Examining and Adjusting Accounts

Desired Ebenezer Thomson Esq^r Cap^t Josiah Moulton Coll^o Stepⁿ

Evans, and Pierce Long, To Meet at Portsmⁿ and See what is Necessary to be done Respecting the Great Island Bridge

8th We accordingly Repaired there this day, and View^d the Old Bridge across Little Harbour

MAY 9th 1776 Viewed the place proposed for a new Bridge and agreed to put off the consideration & determination thereof until the Court meets.

MAY 20th met at Portsmouth and Tarried the 21st and 22^d, viewed Newcastle and directed a Battery to be Built at Jerry's Point, and had Several other matters under consideration. ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Daniels Roll to the 15th of may—amounting to £154 12

22 Gave General Folsom orders to take the Command of all the Colony forces in case of an Attack

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Sam^l Cutts Esq^r £200, to be by him Accounted for as Commissary

23^d directed Cap^t Long to take up and forward Letters directed to the Colony

JULY 5th 1776 The Council and Assembly having appointed a New Committee of Safety Consisting of the following Persons Viz. Meshech Weare Matthew Thornton, Nathaniel Folsom, Wyseman Clagett, & Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r of the Council, John Dudley Timothy Walker, Peirce Long, Philips White Josiah Moulton, Benjamin Barker, Matthew Patten, Nath^l Sartil Prentice, Otis Baker, & John Smith Esq^{rs} of the House

a number of the Committee made out Enlisting orders, Instructions to Muster Master &c according to votes of the Two Houses

JULY 10th Met according to appointment & gave Cap^t Ezekiel Worthen an order on the Treas^r for Eight Hundred & Seventy Six pounds £876 0 0 to pay off the soldiers raised in Col^o Moultons Reg^t for which money he is to Account

To the Cap^{ts} Salter, Daniels and Dearing of the Company's of Matrosses and Artillery at Portsmouth &c

You are hereby directed to let such Men in your Several Companies as desire Inlist in the service for Canada—taking Care to fill up the number again by inlisting Men to take their place.—And such who inlist for a year shall be intitled to receive a Blanket & Wages as those who first inlisted in your Companies Also such Men who may desire to engage in the Man of War at Portsmouth—reserving at least half the Gunners to defend the Fort—

Nath^l Folsom Chairman

In the Committee of Safety July 10th 1776—

Received of Benjamin Giles and James Betton Esq^{rs} a Receipt

given to them by General Schuyler for thirty eight hundred & twenty three Dollars & half—which Sum was delivered by them to said General Schuyler at Albany—p^r order of this Colony. And on Account of the United American Colonies—In consequence of which they are discharged from the Obligations given by them to the Receiver General for the Silver and Gold he delivered them—

Nath^l Folsom, Chairman

Gave an order on the Rec^r General To pay M^r Josh^a Heath of Conway, forty pounds Lawf Money for the purpose of purchasing Fire Arms &c., He giving Security for it to be Returned when demanded—

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Orderd the Receiver General to pay Sam^l Dudley Esq. One hundred and Seventy One pounds L M^y as an Additional Bounty to the Men Raised or to be Raised In Cap^t Harpers Company

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Maj^r Jon^a Childs Ninety pounds L M^y for the purpose of purch^g Fire Arms for the use of the Colony he to be Accountable for the Same

JULY 11th Col^y of New Hampshire. To Gen^l Nath^l Folsom—

Deliver M^r Joshua Heath for the Use of the Town of Conway Ten pounds & Three quarters of Gun Powder. Also Ebenezer Kendal, and Stephen Eames, For the town of Cockermouth, Fifteen pounds of Gun Powder, Taking Their Security to Account for the Same, Also forward to Col^o Hurd at Cohass Twenty pounds for the use of the Troops there

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Gave orders to Col^o David Gilman, to deliver M^r Nichols, the Ten fire Arms he has at his house, belonging to the Colony

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Col^o Baker One hundred and Seventy One pounds L M^y as an additional Bounty the Men Raised or to be Raised In Captain Drews Company

Orderd the Receiver General to pay M^r Eben^r Kendal & Stephen Ames, Twelve pounds, To buy arms and Ammunition for the Town of Cockermouth, They giv^g Security to pay the Same when demanded

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Timothy Walker Esq One hundred and Seventy One pounds as an additional Bounty to the Men Raised or to be Raised In Captain Shepards Company £171

Orderd the Receiver General to pay the Undermention^d Muster Masters The following Sums of Money To be paid by them to the Soldiers in the Several Companys they are Authorised to Muster

Timothy Walker Esq^r Twenty Three pounds Ten Shillings

John Dudley Esq^r Twenty Nine pounds & Seven Sh^ls & 6^d

Otis Baker Esq^r Thirty Nine pounds Three Shil^ls & 4^d

Samuel Sherburne Esq^r Thirty Nine pounds Three Shil^ls & 4^d

Samuel Dudley Esq ^r	—	—	—	33 5 10
Moses Kelley Esq ^r	23 10/	Enoch Hale Esq ^r	£18 16/	
Samuel Ashley Esq ^r	£14 2/	Sam ^l Philbrook Esq ^r	£31 6/8	
John Bell Esq ^r	£29 7 6	Thomas Bartlet Esq ^r	£29 7/6	
Ezekiel Worthin Esq ^r	£35 5/	James Knowles Esq ^r	£35 5/	

Order'd the Receiver General to pay James Underwood Adjutant to Col^o Wingate Eleaven pounds L Money as Two months Advance Wages

Orderd the Receiver General To pay To Doct^r Sam^l Wigglesworth Fifteen pounds L M^y, Two months Advance wages, as Surgeon In Col^o Josh^a Wingates Regiment

Orderd the Receiver General To pay To Elijah Grout Esq^r One hundred and Seventy One pounds as an Additional Bounty to the Soldiers in Cap^t Weatherbeys Company— 171

Orderd the Receiver General to pay Benj^a Giles Esq^r thirty pounds L M^y To be paid by him To Col^o Isaac Wyman as Two months Advance Wages

Order'd the Receiver General To pay Col^o Joseph Senter, Twenty four pounds L M^y As Two months Advance Wages

Orderd The Receiver General To pay Col^o Joshua Wingate Thirty pounds L M^y for Two months Advance Wages

Order'd The Receiver General To pay Col^o Sam^l Conner Twenty four pounds For Two months advance Wages

To M^r Joshua Heath of Conway July 11th 1776

You are hereby Authorized To Enlist Ten men To Serve as Soldiers for the Term of Three Months unless sooner discharged, As a Scouting party, To make their Head Quarters at Said Conway And Explore the Country from thence under your directions— And you are to pay Each good Able bodied man you Enlist Thirty Shillings, L M. as a Bounty, And forty Shillings for a Months Advance Wages, Taking Care the Men are well Equiped, And to Enlist no man Inhabiting in the Towns of Conway, Browsfield, Friburgh, Or Adjacent Locations, And Engage the men that when your Roll is properly made, They Shall be paid forty Shillings a Month, And you Shall be paid Three pounds Ten Shill^{gs} p^r month for your Service—You are Likewise to Provide the Men with Provisions, for their sustenance on the Same Allowance as is Given in the Army's and to Other Troops. For which you will Exhibit a Just Account, And Shall Receive pay for the same

By order of the Committee M. W. Cm.

Order'd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Joshua Heath, Thirty Eight pounds, Ten Shillings L M^y being for One months Advance wages for himself and Ten men as also for a Bounty of Thirty Shillings for Each of the Ten men who he is to Enlist as Rangers

To Serve in and about Conway. He is to be accountable for the same

Orderd General Folsom to deliver Mr Benjⁿ Huntoon Eleaven pounds of powder for the Use of the Town of New Britton, He giving Security for the Same

JULY 11th Wrote Colⁿ Wyman of his being Appointed to Command a Regiment to Join our Northern forces. And to hasten his getting himself in Readiness, at the Same time Sent him Thirty pounds being Two months Advance Wages, also Informing him of the Names of the Captains we appointed under his Command, We also Sent him Thirty Two pounds for Two months advance Wages for his Surgeon, Adjutant, and Quarter Master

ordered the Rece^t Gen^l to pay Nath^l Porter Sixty Seven pounds Ten shillings to pay Cap^t David Woodward's Company one Months wages having given Said Woodward order to raise a Company of 30 men. Copy filed

JULY 12. Order'd the Receiver General To pay Thom^s Mehany Ten Shillings for his Expences as a Guard bringing Sam^l Dyer as a prisoner to this Town

ordered General Folsom to deliver Francis Mathes Ten pounds & 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ of Gun Powder for the Inhabitants of Middletown—

ordered the Rece^t Gen^l to pay Lemuel Davis for mending Guns for y^e Colony

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JULY 13. Order'd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Jeremiah Ames, Eighty three pounds, Ten Shillings L M^v as wages for a Cap^t One L^t & One Ensign together with 47 privates to Enlist as Rangers, To Scout in And About the Upper Cohass

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Order'd the Receiver General to pay to Cap^t Titas Salter 48 6 3 1 2. L M being the amount of his pay Roll for 29 men, Enlisted out of his Company And bound for Canada made up to the 10th Instant

Order'd The Receiver General To pay Jacob Treadwell Esq^r Thirty five pounds, Thirteen Shillings L M^v for Powder, Balls Lead, Tin kettles &c. he has gave order to be deliverd at Northumberland Upper Cohass

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Rob^t Fowle Printer Seven pounds L M. to be by him Accounted for

To Joseph Peverly Esq^r. Sir you are hereby desired to make provision for and deliver the Company Stationed at the Upper Cohass, Such Allowance from time to time, As is given & Allowed in the Army to Soldiers, Excepting that the Officers are to have One Ration only as other Soldiers— Said Company, when full is to Consist of Fifty men, Officers Included, And you will keep a Regular Account of your Proceedings, And make Return thereof, to the General Assembly, Or in their Recess to the Committee of Safety

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Order'd the Receiver General to pay Joseph Peverly Esq fifty pounds L M, to be by him Accounted for

JULY 15th Order'd the Receiver General to pay Samuel Philbrook Esq^r 138 12/ to be accounted for by him as Muster Master

JULY 15. Orderd the Receiver General to pay Nicholas Nicholls four pounds To be accounted for

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Maj^r Bartlet Three hundred pounds L M To be by him Acc^d for as Muster Master

JULY 16. Order'd The Receiver General To pay Major Moses Baker Twenty pounds L M^y being Two months Advance Wages

Order'd the Receiver General To pay M^r W^m Coffin Nine pounds 6 7 L M^y for the hire of his Gundelo, & The pay for Lumber for fire Rafts, as ^{to} his Acc^t

Order'd The Receiver General To pay William Parker Esq^r Six pounds Lawfull Money, To be by him Acc^t for

order^d Dⁿ to pay Levi Robinson, and Nehemiah Chase 12/ Each for Blankets found themselves last year in Cap^t Moses Leavits Comp^y

JULY 17. Order'd The Receiver General To pay Timothy White Six pounds L M^y for Two months Advance Wages, as quarter Master In Col^o Wingates Reg^t

18th Order'd The Receiver General To pay Moses Kelly Esq^r Two hundred and Twenty three pounds L M to be accounted for by him as Muster Mast^r of Cap^t Company

Order'd the Receiver General, To pay Sam^l Cutts Esq^r Six hundred pounds L M^y to be Accounted for by him as Commissary

ordered the R G to pay Jabez Dodge 30/ for a Gun Supplied one Nathia^l Coffin A Soldier last year

Ord^d Ditto to pay Cap^t Elip^l Daniels Roll up to the 17th of July Amounting to £154 12

Gave an order to M^r Elijah Grout to muster & pay what men should be presented to him by Cap^t Harper not Mustered before

Ordered the R. G. to pay Joseph Stacey 11/ for dieting Sam^l Dyer in prison

19th Gave the Receiver General an order to pay Col^o Jacob Bayley £150 to be Accounted for by him when demanded

Gave An order on the Receiver General to pay Noah Emery Jun^r Twelve pounds L. M. To be by him Accounted for as paymaster To Col^o Wymans Reg^t

Gave an order on the R. G. To pay Noah Emery Jun^r 12/ L. M^y for his Time, Expences & horse hire to Newb^yport

Gave an order on the R. G. To pay M^r Benjⁿ Sweat Twenty four Shillings L. M. for his Expences Com^g down here with Lead Ore &c

20th Gave directions to M^r Champney To buy what Brimstone he can at portsmouth, And Convey the Same to this Town in half Barrels, made for that purpose

Gave directions To Doct^r Adams To proceed to Salam & purchase What Brimstone he Can, for the Colony Acc^t

Wrote Col^o Hurd Advising him of our Proceedings with Respect to the Men we have Orderd to be Raised to Guard our frontiers, Also Of his Appointment together with Col^o Bayley & Col^o Johnston to give directions from time to time, to those men. Likewise desired him to apprehend those persons who would ask the Aid and Assistance of General Burgoine

JULY 20th. Desired the Select men of Canterbury or Jerem^h Clough Esq or any person in Whose Custody any Swivel or Small Carriage Guns may be found in Said Canterbury Sent up from Portsmouth for There defence in a former War, To deliver them to L^t Samuel Atkinson to be forwarded by him to Cohoos

To John Hurd, Jacob Bayley & Charles Johnston Esq^{rs}

Yon are hereby desired, and Empower'd to Act as a Committee, To give directions To all Scouting parties under pay of this Colony on Connecticut River directing their Routs, And Conduct from time to time

JULY 22^d 1776. Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay M^r Otis Baker Esq^t to pay off Soldiers in Col^o Evan's Reg^t

ordered. Dit^o to pay Cap^t Tim^{thy} Clements Eighteen Pounds to pay his Recruits Blanket Money, he to Acc^t therefor gave South Hampton Soldiers leave to go & Join Cap^t Chandlers Company

23^d ordered D^o to let Daniel Beede Esq^r have £30 to buy fire-arms for Sandwich he giving Security to repay the Same. Order returned—money not drawn

ordered D^o to pay Sam^{ll} Blunt £5. to Assist him in travelling post to Crown point

JULY 23^d Wrote to Col^o Walker to pay M^r Stephen Haight Two months Advance Wages, as Sec^d Lein^t in Cap Stilsens Comp^y with orders that he with his men may be dispatched as soon as possible to Join his Company

Order'd the Receiver General To Pay Maj^r Joseph Bass Twenty pounds L. M. To be acc^d for, by him, as paymaster To Col^o Wingates Reg^t

24 Order'd the Receiver General To Pay D^r Sam^l Wigglesworth, To be paid by him to D^r Samuel Mooers Eight pounds L M^y being Two months advance wages for him as D^{rs} Mate in Col^o Wingates Regiment

Gave Col^o Sam^l Sherburne Directions to Muster, The New Raised men in the Several Companies Stationed at Piscataqua Harbour in the Room of those Enlisted To Serve in the Northern Army, and on board the Man of War

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Titas Salters Role made up to the 16 July inclusive

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Cap Dearings Role made up to 22^d July

ordered the R G to pay Sam^l Trott to be be Transmitted to Benj Giles Esq^r for him to Acc^t for £20

wrote Letters, to Col^o Wingate, Col^o Wyman, M^r Grout, Col^o Ashley, and Benjamin Giles, and sent them off by M^r Trott

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Jon^a Moulton Esq^r £35 for to buy guns &c for Moultonborough £35. d^o for to buy guns &c for Tamworth, also £15 for the pay of 50 lb of powder bought of him w^{ch} he is to Deliver to the Select men, to be by distributed to Each town in propretion to its Inhabitants

JULY 25 Order'd The R. G. To pay Doct^r Caleb G. Adams, for the Purpose of Buying Brimstone and Medicins Two hundred pounds L M^y

Ordered General Folsom to deliver Dan^l Beede for the Town of Sandwich 25 lb of Gun Powder Beede to give Security to Acc^t therefor—order returned Powder not received

Settled with Lieut^t Jn^o Griffin for a journey to Boston to procure powder &c from Gen^l Ward, which Powder he dl^d at N^o 4

his Acc^t for his time, Horse hire & Exp^s was £8 11 1 which was allow'd—He rec^d £15 5^s of General Ward which left a bal^s of £6 13 11. that s^d Griffin deposited in the hands of the Committee—and by them lodg'd in the Treasury

Order'd the Receiver General To pay John Taylor Gilman £4 14/9 for Numbring & Drying Money

26th Order'd the Receiver General to pay Major James Hackett, Five pounds Nineteen Shillings & Three pence Being the amount of his Acc^t for mustering men At Portsm^o And the Expences of himself and Comp^y going to the Lines, and for his Expences going to Boston after Powder

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Noah Emery Ju^r eight pounds lawful M^y to be by him accounted for as paymaster to Col^o Wyman's Regiment

Order'd the Receiver General To pay the Rev^d Nath^l Porter Twelve pounds L M^y being Two months advance Wages, As Chaplain, In Coll^o Joshua Wingates Regiment

Citation to L^t John Gilman Issued for him to appear here on the 7th of Aug^t next to answer a Comp^t ag^t him for Cheating Soldiers out of their Coat Money

JULY 27th Ordered the Receiver General to pay Nich^o Nichols four pounds three Shillings and nine pence L^{fl} it being the bal^s due to him for carrying Tin Kettles to N^o 4. &c

Wrote the Chairman of the Committee of Dover about M^cMaster's Goods. Copy on file.

Gave Gen^l Folsom orders to take up Deserters & send them to the Corps they belong to

Adjourned till Monday the 5th of aug^t next

Aug^t 5th Mett According to Adjournment

Order'd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Joshua Heath, Thirty One pounds Ten Shillings to procure provisions Lead. &c for his Company, To be Accounted for by him

Order'd General Folsom To deliver Said Heath Eleaven pounds of Gun Powder, for the Company under his Command

Order'd the Receiver General To pay M^r Chase Witcher of Warren Twenty four pounds to buy Arms & Ammunition, he Giving Security to pay the Same When Demanded

6th Orderd the Receiver General to pay Richard Champney 43 11/6 being to pay for Brimstone he purchased in Portsmouth, and Sent up here & deliverd the Same to N^{is} Gilman Esq^r

AUG^t 6th Order'd the Receiver General To Pay W^m Appleton 11/ for Sundrys for the Use of the Court & Committee

Gave Doct^r Josiah Gilman Orders to deliver Samuel Hobart Esq^r The Salt Petre now in his hands, Not Exceeding Six Tons—he giving his Receipt for the Same

Order'd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t David Woodward

Seventy pounds L. Money for the Supply of his Company—Which he is to Account for

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Daniel Fowle Twenty pounds L. M. to be by him Accounted for

7th Orderd the Receiver General to pay Coll^o Sam^l Sherburne 10 14/9 L M^v being the Ballance due to him [℥] his Acc^t as Muster Master to Cap^t Arnolds Company

Order'd the Receiver General to pay M^r W^m Mead £6 10 for making and heading Casks to put Salt petre in.

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Coll^o Tim^s Walker £94 7 6³/₄, Being Ballance due to him as one of the Muster Masters—[℥] Acc^t Settled

Order'd the Receiver General to pay John Smith £6 2 3—it being the am^t of his Acc^t for signing & numbering the Money emitted the 26th day of January last—

AUG. 7. The Committee Taking into Consideration the Necessity of Compleating The Battalion now at Portsmⁿ in order to make them Continental Troops Gave the following Captains orders to Compleat their Companies. Viz^t. Caleb Hodgdon, Ebenezer Dearing Timothy Clements, John Calfe, Nathan Brown now down there And Mark Wiggin, John Brewster & Peter Coffin to raise Companies

8th Ordered the Receiver General to Notify by advertizing in the Portsmouth & Exeter Gazettes, all delinquent Constables whose names are returned to you otherwise the Selectmen who have not paid the Colony Tax which by their Warrants they were ordered to pay you. That unless they speedily pay the Same, Extents will Issue ag^t them. Also all former Constables or Selectmen as Afores^d who were delinquent in paying the Colony Tax to George Jaffry Esq^r late Treas^r that unless they likewise pay said Tax to you Extents will Issue against them—

Wrote by Cap^t Long to the Committee of War in the Massachusetts Bay, requesting them to supply us with some pieces of Cannon, for our Forts at the entrance of the Harbour—

Aug^t 19th Part of the Com^e Met &^c

Aug^t 20—Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Eliphalet Daniel's Comp^y £154 12s, it being the amount of their pay Roll—up to 17th Instant—

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Col^o Stephen Evans, 11 19 0/4, Being So much he Expend^d in Taking up deserters from the Northern Army

Aug^t 20th Orderd the Receiver General To pay to Col^o Evans five pounds, Three Shillings for the time of the Committee of Dover

Invoiceing McMasters Goods, And Eight pounds Seven Shill^{gs} for the Expences of a Guard upon Said Goods and his own Expences

Gave Major Childs orders to take depositions Required by Col^o Asa porter, Which are to be done in the presence of Col^o Hurd Col^o Bayley & Col^o Johnston, or any two of them

Order'd the R.G. to pay Cap^t Dav^d Woodward Forty five pounds as a bounty for his Comp^y Consisting of Thirty men, At Thirty Shillings Each

21st Ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t David Woodward £3 16 2 L^l for Horse hire & Exp^s in bringing Col^o Porter from Co[']os to Exeter, & returning, it being the am^t of his acct laid in.

Order'd the receiver Gen^l to pay the Captains Caleb Hodgdon John Calfe & Timothy Clements, each of them £223 12s L^l & Cap^t Ebenezer Dearing £227 18s L M^y it being for one Months advance wages pay & Blanket Money for the Company's they are now inlisting in the Continental service—the receiver Gen^l to take the security of the s^d Captains with good sureties.

AUG^t 21st order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Caleb Hodgdon £12 12s L M^y for Blanket Money for 21 new recruits by him inlisted in the Colony Service.

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Jn^o Calfe Six pounds L M^y for Blanket Money for 10 Recruits by him inlisted in the Colony service.

Orderd the Receiv^r General To pay Cap^t Titus Salters Role 130 2 3/2 Each man Respectively, being made up to the 16^h August

Order'd The R General, to pay Major George Gains One hundred and fifty pounds L M^y To be Accounted for by him as Quarter Master

Appointed Major George Gains Muster master to Cap^t Hodgdon's, Calfe's Brown's Clements, & Dearing's Comp^{ys} now raising for the Continental service

22^d Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Peter Coffin £223 12, L M^y for a Months advance pay & Blanket Money for the Company he is now inlisting for the Continental service—upon his giving his security with a good surety.

AUG^t 30th Cap^t Coffin This day Ret^d his Order, Not hav^g Rec^d the Money of the R G.

Order'd The Receiver General to pay Deacon Isaac Williams 20/ In full, for the Use of his Room for the Comm^e during Last Sessions of the Court

Order'd the receiver General to pay Cap^t Mark Wiggin £223 12,

L M^y for a Months advance pay & Blanket Money for the Company he is now inlisting for the Continental service upon his giving his security with one Sufficient Surety for the same

AUG 22^d This day Settled Acc^{ts} With Samuel Philbrook Esq^r one of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due to the Colony of 102 3 8, as P Acc^t filed, Which Sum he has paid into the Treasury as P the Treasurer's Rec^t to him.

23^d Also settled With Thomas Bartlet Esq^r One of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due from him to the Colony of 181 8 0, as P his Acc^t filed, Which sum he has paid into the Treasury, As P the Treasurers Receipt to him

Likewise Settled with Moses Kelly Esq^r Another of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due from him to the Colony of 8 2 4 as P his Acc^t filed, which sum he has paid into the Treasury as P the Treasurers R^t to him

Also Settled with John Dudley Esq^r Another of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due from him to the Colony of 344 0 3, Which sum he has now paid into the Treasury as P the Treasurers Receipts to him

AUG^t 29. Order'd the Receiver General to pay Sam^l Cutts Esq^r Six hundred pounds L M^y for him to Account for as Commissary.

30. Settled with James Knowles Esq^r One of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due from him to the Colony of 2 9 11, Which Sum he has now paid into the Treasury, as Pr the Treasurers Re^{ts} to him

Gave Orders to Col^o Nich^s Gilman, to Muster Cap^t Peter Coffins Company

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Eben^r Dearings Role Amounting to 99 1 9, made up to 22^d August. Also 10 4/ for the Blanket M^y for the Recruits he Enlisted to fill his Company While in the Colony Service

AUGUST 30. Settled with Samuel Dudley Esq^r One of the Muster Masters, And find a Ballance due from him of 107 6/ Which Sum he has now paid into the Treasury, As pr the Treasurers Receipt to him

Gave orders to Major Gains to deliver to the proprietors of the Schooner M^cClary, 4 Barrels of Powder Likewise 60 or 70 Cannon Shot (4 pounders) if they can Safely be Spared, They promising to Return the Same as Speedily as may be

Gave directions to Otis Baker Esq^r to Muster Cap^t John Brewsters Company

Orderd the Receiver General To pay Cap^t Nathan Brown 223 12/LM^y for one months Advance pay and Blanket Money, he

is now Raising in the Continental Service, Upon his Giving Security in One Sufficient Surety for the Same—

ordered R G. to pay John Rice Esq^r three pounds for firewood Room, & Candles for y^e Committee & Diet for Expresses

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 23^d 1776 The Committee of Safety Appointed by vote of Council & Assembly, were to meet this day by appoint^d five only met & the publick Bussiness not admitting of delay proceeded to Bussiness

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Col^o Joseph Welch Seventeen pounds ten Shillings being a Months advance pay for himself as Lieu^t Col^o & Joseph Smith as Adjutant in Col^o Tash's Regiment—

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Col^o Thomas Tash Seven pounds ten Shillings for a Months advance Wages for D^r Jn^o Cook Surgeon in his Regiment—

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Caleb Hodgdon's Company the Amount of their pay Roll from the first day of July to the 18th day of Septem^r Ins^t, it being £345 2s 9d L^{ft} M^d.

TUESDAY SEPT^r 24th Wrote to Gen^l Ward (by Maj^r Coffin) concerning Powder & Ball for our forces going to New York—

Sent Letters to Gen^l Washington, & M^r Hancock—the Copies filed—

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Maj^r Peter Coffin ten pounds to bear his expences to Boston on Express &c, to be by him accounted for.

ordered the R. G. to pay the Roll of Cap^t Elip^t Daniel to the 17th of Septem^r amounting to one Hundred & forty Eight pounds, Ten shillings & four pence

Wrote to Capt. Eames at upper Cohoss to continue his Company there until the 1st of December unless ordered Otherwise

ordered the R G to pay Joseph Peverly Esq Fifty Pounds for him to Supply Cap^t Eames's Company for which he is to Account

Gave Col^o Nich^l Gilman orders to send one Benjⁿ Folsom to prison unless he pay the whole money back he rec^d to march to Ticon^a & neglected going

gave Peter Gilman an order on the Treas^r for £20 16 1² to pay a Carpenters Bill

WEDNESDAY SEPT^r 25th Ordered the R G to pay Col^o William Whipple one Hundred & Fifty Pounds towards Supporting him at Philadelphia, to be Accounted for by him.

Settled With Col^o Peirse Long his Barrack Master's Acc^t & all

Other Acc^{ts} and ordered the R G to pay him the Balance of his Acc^t Amounting to £34 2 4. The Sum of £72 13 6 money outstanding for sales of Sundry Goods not Accounted for by him, but he is to collect them the Money outstanding is due from

Col ^o Eavans	£20 15 7
Stephen Paul	2 14
D ^r Hovey	9 15 7
M ^r Cntt	39 8 4
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Ordered the R G to pay William Yeaton the Sum of Six Pounds Ten shillings for Sundry Tools supplied the State with & Labour done as p^r Acc^t

Gave Col^o Long, orders to take the Command of the Matross Companies

ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Gregg £10—a months advance wages

Desired Col^o Long to employ his Soldiers in repairing the New Castle Bridge, and to lay out £25—to purchase Materials therefor adjourned till Thursday the 3^d day of October next

THURSDAY OCTOBER 3^d 1776 Met according to adjournment

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Cap^t Timothy Clement for Expences in Recruiting his Company after the Canada Recruits were Enlisted out of them &^c Three pounds Five Shillings, & Two pence

Ordered D^o to pay Leiu^t Nath^l Fifield one pound one shilling and nine pence for recruiting men in Cap^t Clements Comp^y

OCTOBER 4th—Wrote to Cap^t Eames at Cohoss to Employ his Soldiers in building a Fort at Lancaster & Strictly to Obey his former orders

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Gains £243 18 6 to be Accounted for

ordered Ditto to pay Col^o W. Whipple the Balance of his Acc^t for Sundry Services as p^r Acc^t the Sum of £12 10 9¹/₂

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Gains £150 to be Account^d for by him

ordered Maj^r Gains to Look after 2 Cannon at Newbury belonging to the State

ordered D^o to pay Col^o Sam^l Hobart £150 to be Accounted for

Settled Acc^{ts} with Cap^t Josiah Moulton and he produced a Recp^t from the Treas^r for £25 19—which Closed the Account

ordered D^o to pay John Hopkinson for Scale, Beam, & weights for the Salt Petre Committee £13 10 11

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5th 1776. Gave orders to Cap^t Abraham Perkins to Enist a Comp^s in the Continental Battⁿ taking in those Enlisted by Cap^t Hodgdon

Ordered. The R G to pay Sam^{ll} Cutts £200, to be Accounted for

Order'd the R G to pay Peter Coffin £2 17s 4 1/2 it being the amount of his Acc^t for going Express to General Ward.

ordered the R G. to pay Rob^t L. Fowle £20 to be Accounted for

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st the Committee met according to Appointment.

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Jn^o Ward Gilman for Seal for this state 35

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Daniel Moor the Balance of his Acc^t for mustering & pay the Comp^y raised in his Reg^t for New York

ordered the R G to pay the Committee viz Blanchard Giles, Evans & Gilman, going to raise a New Army at Ticondoga, One Hundred & fifty pounds

OCTOB^r 22^d Ordered N: Folsome Esq^r to deliver to Col^o Hurd One Barrel of the States Powder

Ordered D^r to deliver to the Selectmen of the Town of Exeter One Bbl of the States powder, instead of two 1 2 barrels borrowed of them some time since

Made out Instructions for the Committee going to Ticonderoga, also Letters to Gen^{ls} Washington & Gates.

Settled with Col^o Enoch Hale for Mustering & Paying 2 Companies—viz Cap^t Parkers in Col^o Wymans Regim^t for Canada, & Cap^t Smiths in Col^o Bawldwins Regim^t for New York—& he produced a Rec^t from the Treasurer of 17 15 of this date for the Balance, which was in his hands of the Whole Acco^t—

Settled with M^r Abial Abbott for Mustering & Paying 2 Companies viz Cap^t Reads Comp^y & Cap^t Putnams, in Col^o Bauldwins Regim^t for New York, the Ball^e being 8 17 8 due to the State, & for which he Produced a Rec^t from the Rec^r Gen^l Nich^s Gilman Esq^r

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23^d 1776 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Trueworthy Gilman £3 9 11 for going Express to Keen to Call in the Members of the General Court

ordered the R G to pay Nathan Taylor for 4 days Attend^s the assembly as Doorkeeper 12

Settled with Col^o Evans for Mustering & Paying Cap^t Emerson's & Cap^t McDuffee's Companies, in Col^o Tashes Regiment for New York, and Give an Order upon the Receiver Gen^l for the Ballance being £13 14 8

THURSDAY OCTOBER 24th 1776 Ordered the Rec^d Gen^l to pay M^r Nath^l Balch £12. for 80 Powder Barrels

Order'd the R Gen^l to pay Cap^t David Woodward £168 19s 3 it being the bal^s due for his Comp^y lately disbanded also the Commissarys Bill & Doct^{rs} Bill

Settled with Cap^t Worthen as Muster Master for Cap^t Rays & Stillsons Comp^{ys}—there was a balance due from Cap^t Worthen of £551 12s 2d which he has Lodg'd with the Receiver General and brought his rec^t

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t David Woodward £4 for his Journey to settle his Roll

ordered the sherif of Strafford to Liberate Jeremiah Tibbets he paying what he re^d from the state, & the charges of apprehending him

ordered the R G to pay M^r Cut £200 to be Acc^d for

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30th 1776. Met according to Adjournment

Settled with Maj^r Thom^s Bartlet for Mustering & paying two Companies raised for New York in Col^o Nich^s Gilmans Reg^t and gave him an order on the Trea^r for £5 7 9 the Balance of his Acc^t

Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Sam^l Hobart £200 to finish paying the Rolls of the Several Co^s in Reeds, Starks, & Poors Reg^{ts}—to be acc^d for by him

ordered Gen^l Folsom to deliver M^r James Templeton for the Town of Peterboro 54 lbs of Powder & M^r Sam^l Brown for the town of Mason 54 lbs of Powder—taking Security to Acc^t therefor

THURSDAY Oct^r 31st Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Joshua Heath £64 6 7 the Balance of his pay Roll of his Comp^y & for Billeting his Comp^y

Order'd the receiver General to pay Maj^r Caleb Hodgdon £4 19 6. for his recruiting 21 Men, & Exp^s getting out Timber at Dover for the fort at New Castle—

(Col^l Baker took it in his behalf)

Agreed with M^r Dan^l Gilman for 100 Coarse Moose Hide Breeches at 18/

ordered Gen^l Folsom to deliver Joseph Herrick for the Town of Lyndsborough 63^{lb} of Gun Powder, he paying the Money therefor

Ordered the R G to pay D^r Levi Dearborn £12 10 for to be Acc^d for

Agreed with Cap^t Trueworthy Gilman to make 100 p^r shoes at 8

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to deliver Cap^t Heath £20 to Buy Necess^{es} for the Indians, which he is to render an Acc^t of the disposition of

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1st 1776 Agreed with M^r Nich^s Gilman of Exeter for 50 p^r of Shoes at 8 to be delivered in 5 Weeks.

Order'd the R Gen^l to pay Isaac Williams 15s in full for his room for Committees & Candles—

Order'd Gen^l Folsom to deliver Cap^t Heath 10 lb Powder for the Indians—(Oct^r 31st)

Order'd the R Gen^l to pay Gen^l Folsom £50. to be by him accounted for—it being for the purpose of purchasing Cloathing for the soldiers—

Gave Verbal orders to Cap^t Eames to engage 10 men at Cohass thr^o the winter for Scouts—

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Eames £284 11, the Balance of his Roll & Acc^t

WEDNESDAY NOVEMB^r 6th 1776. Met according to adjournment

Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay James Anderson £4 10s it being the (advance) half of what he is to have for going post to Ticonderoga, & bringing Letters from the soldiers belonging to this State free of Cost

Wrote to Gen^l Gates to Introduce M^r Anderson and to Col^o Wingate to Inform him Letters are to be Bro't free

THURSDAY NOV^r 7th Desired Maj^r Hodgdon to pay the advance pay to the Soldiers enlisted by Cap^t Perkins.

Settled with Col^o Gale for Mustering 75 men for N Y he producing a Rec^t from the Treas^r for £8 15 which acc^{ts} for the Money he Rec^d

FRIDAY NOVEMB^r 8th 1776. Passed the pay Roll of Cap^t Henry Dearborn for his Company that went in Col^o Arnolds Detachment to Quebeck, up to the first of September 1775, and ordered the R G to pay what was due to Each person made up in s^d Roll

WEDNESDAY NOV^r 13th 1776—At a special Meeting of the Committee to Conferr with the Officers who brought a number of Tories to this place from the state of N York

THURSDAY NOV^r 14. Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay M^r Joseph Gilman forty Seven pounds thirteen shillings it being the

amount of his two Acc^{ts} exhibited against the state—one of which is Continental—

Sent a power of Attorney accompanied by a Letter to Michael Hodge Esq^r of Newburyport, empowering him in behalf of the state to recover any Cannon belonging thereto, &c

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Gen^l Folsom one Hundred pounds for the purpose of purchasing Cloathing for the Soldiers in the Army—to be by him accounted for—

Made an Order for the present Disposal of the Tories bro't from New York, a Copy of which is on file

Copied a Number of papers &c

ordered the Gun Powder Committee to send 2 Tuns to Portsmouth Powder House

MONDAY NOV^r 18th Met and conversed about Sundry Measures relative to the New York prisoners

19th ordered the R G to pay Rowland Jenkins 48' for house Rent for Soldiers on Seaveys Island the Matter to be Adjusted hereafter by A Committee.

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Elip^t Daniel up to the 17th of Novem^r Amounting to £150 5 4 1¹/₂

ordered D^o to pay Col^o Jn^o Webster £1 7 8, the Balance of his Acc^t for pay^g Cap^t Reynolds Com^r in Col^o Tashes Reg^t

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter Amounting to £201 5 4

Ordered D^o to pay Cap^t Salter for Gundeloe Hire to July 30th 1776 £19 4 0 agreeable to a Certificate from Maj^r Gains the Q M

20th ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Gilman 24 for Copying Acts for the General Assembly

ordered D^o to pay Sam^l Cntts £200 to be Accounted for

Wrote to General Ward (by Col^o Cilley) the State of our Continental Regiment and sent him Copies of the votes

Gave Col^o Hobart an order on the R G for £200 to be Accounted for

22^d met in order to take care of a new Company of Tories bro't from New York, and made out Mittimus^s to confine 28 in Exeter Gaol, 7 in Portsmouth Gaol, 19 in Dover Gaol, and 17 in Amherst Gaol—and sent lists to Cap^t Robinson to Execute the same the names of the Persons sent to Each place in a list on file

23^d Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay Cap^t Nathan Brown £9 12 in full for Blanket Money for 16 Recruits

Order'd the receiver Gen^l to pay Thomas Folsom's Acc^t of 16s for sund^y Services—

Granted a permit to John Wheeler & Edward Wheeler to go to New York

Spent this Day in making divers orders & Regulations relative to the prisoners

Wrote to the Continental Congress to Commissionate Col^s Long & Mooney & Maj^r Hodgdon—

Rec^d information from Gen^l Ward that Col^o Longs Reg^t was order'd by him to Ticonderoga

FRIDAY DECEMBER 13th 1776—P M After the General Court was dissolved, the Committee met—& order'd the Receiv^r Gen^l to pay Jn^o Hurd Esq^r 40s as pay for his travel at Oct^r short session he not getting in till the Court was adjourn'd—

ordered the Receiver General to pay Dr Hall Jackson Twenty Eight pounds for his Attendance & care of the Sick at Piscataqua from June 30th to Sept^r 16—and for Ditto for Salters & Daniels Comp^y from Sept^l 16th to Decem^r 16th—And also £23 3 7 for Medicenes administered the sick Afores^d voted by the Gen^l Assembly

Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Sam^l Folsom One pound Eighteen Shillings the Expence of A Dinner for the Committee with some New York Gentlemen

Major Jonathan Child who was Employed to purchase firearms for the State, presented his Acc^t (which is on file) by which there is due to state £9 13 8

SATURDAY DECEMBER 14th 1776—Ordered the R G to Let M^r Rob^t L Fowle have out of the Treasury £30. to be Accounted for by him in Settlement of his Acc^t for printing

Ordered the R G to pay Deacon Williams 29 for Room, fire wood, Candles &c for Committees of the Gen^l Assembly during y^e later Session

Order^d the R G to pay Rob^t Archabald Constable of London Derry £1 16s/ for wth he is to be Accountable

Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay Col^l Jon^a Moulton £23 12 8 to discharge the Roll of a Guard kept on the Sea Coast—

Col^l Jon^a Moulton produced the Treasurers rec^t for £14 12s which closes his Acc^t & Roll for Mustering & Bounty of the Men lately raised in his Reg^t for the service at New York—

MONDAY JAN^{ry} 20th 1777—The following persons being app^d a Committee of Safety by the Council & Assembly Viz Meshech Weare Josiah Bartlet, Nicholas Gilman Eben^r Thompson, John Dudley George Gains Josiah Moulton, Thomas Odiorne Levi

Dearborn, Benjamin Barker, Nath^l Peabody & John Wentworth Jun^r—A Quorum met this day & proceeded on Bussiness

Appointed E Thompson Chairman for the present until Col^o Weare, or Col^o Bartlet attends—

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Cap^t Amos Morrill £200—to recruit men with for which he is to acc^t

Gave Cap^t Amos Morrill orders to raise a Company in Col^o Poors Reg^t & the papers of Enlistment &^c

TUESDAY JAN^{ry} 21st—Michael McClary of Epsom appointed a Captain in Col^o Scammells Reg^t and orders given him—

order^d the Rece^r Gen^l to Let Cap^t Michael McClary have £200, for which he is to Account

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Eben^r Dearing 34/ for enlisting 17 men to fill Vacancies in his Companies where the men had leave to Enlist out—Also 36/ for his Expences & horse hire twice to Exeter with the Officers of the George Schooner—as prisoners—£3 10s

In Consequence of a Letter from Col^l Long, the Commit^{tee} gave him the following Answer that, the Invaleds of his Regim^t remain at Fort Hancock until further orders—That the prisoners at New Castle will soon be sent to Newport Rhode Island in pursuance of orders from G. Washington That as he is now fixing off for Ticonderoga, he leave the paying for Barrack Room, damage to houses &^c to a Special Committee to be appointed for that purpose

Lieu^t Gile of Plaistow who was appointed Lieu^t of Cap^t Weares Company declining to accept the Committee appoin^d James Wedgwood first Len^t Thomas Simpson Jun late of Deerfield 2^d Leiut^t of said Company

Daniel Livermore of Concord appointed a Captain in Col^o Scammells Regiment

Andrew McGaffee appointed first Leiut of Cap^t McClary's Company

Made out a Form of orders for the Muster orders gave orders to Col^o Baker for Mustering Cap^t Titcombs Capt Bells, Capt Carrs and Cap^t Drews Comp^y

ordered the Receiver General to Let Col^o Otis Baker have £2000, Two thousand pounds to pay Bounties also fifty Pounds for to pay Travel Money

WEDNESDAY JAN^{ry} 22^d—Gave the Rec^r General orders to pay Col^o Joshua Wingate 18/ for his Time & expences in coming to Exeter to pay money to the State—he bro't from Ticonderoga

Col^o Wingate paid into the Treasury £197 3 11 money he Re^d

from the Paymaster at Ticonderoga for Travel for his Reg^t from home to N^o 4, and produced a Certificate from the Treasurer therefor—

Wrote to Col^o Tim^{thy} Walker for him to send the Officers on Parole at Concord forward, in order to their being sent to Newport

Wrote to Maj^r White Informing him of his app^t as Muster Master & desiring his Attendance to receive orders

Gave orders to Cap^t James Norris to raise a Company in Col^o Poors Reg^t

ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t James Norris Two Hundred Pounds to pay bounties to the Soldiers he enlists, for which he is to account

Gave Instructions to Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge's to Muster & pay Bounties to the following Companies viz Cap^t Zechariah Beal, Cap^t James Norris Cap^t Amos Morrill Cap^t Michael McClary Cap^t Caleb Robinson & Cap^t Richard Weares

THURSDAY JAN^{ry} 23^d 1777—Wrote to the Committee of Portsmouth to send all the Prisoners thereabouts to Exeter the 30th Int a Copy of the Letter on file

M^{or} Gains appointed Muster Master to Cap^t Daniels & Cap^t Salters Companies, orders given him a Copy on file

gave Cap^t John Drew orders to recruit a Company & the Necessary papers for Enlistment

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to let Cap^t John Drew have out of the Treasury £200, to be Accounted for

ordered the R G. to pay Nathaniel Furber £4 5 6 for working & finding Tools 114 day at 9^d on the publick works at New Castle, he being a soldier in Cap^t Salters Company

Wrote to Theophilus Dame Esq^r Sheriff of the County of Strafford that he might Liberate from prison all such of the N York prisoners as gave Bon^{is} with Two sufficient Sureties to the Speak^r of the House, to remain True prisoners within the Town of Dover—such Sureties being Inhabitants of this State

Ordered Joshua Bracket Esq^r Judge of the Court Maritime to pay Cap^t Titus Salter the Sum of £255 17 5¾ (after deducting what is due to him for fees) being money in his hands part of the Sales of the Rigging of the Ship prince Georg copy on file

Also ordered the Re^r General to pay Cap^t Titus Salter one hundred pounds to be accounted for by him as follows

Took a Receipt (which is on file) of Cap^t Salter for the Two above mentioned Orders in which he promises to pay in Equal divisions what money he Receives on s^d orders to the 71 Claimants

of the $\frac{1}{4}$ part of the ship prince George as decreed by the Court Maritime

ordered the Cap^{ts} Salter & Daniels to remove the Cannon & Stores from Fort Hancock to Peirces Island, forthwith

FRIDAY JAN^{ry} 24th Gave orders to Cap^t Ebenezer Frye to recruit a Company, & the necessary papers

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Cap^t E Frye £200 to Recruit men with for which he is to be accountable

Gave Instructions to Maj^r William White to Muster the following Companies Viz Cap^t Amos Emersons, Cap^t Jeremiah Gilmans & Cap^t Ebenezer Fry's

and ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to Let Maj^r White have £1500 in Treas^{rs} Notes & £50 in other Bills, for which he is to Account

Gave Cap^t John Haven orders to enlist 19 men to Escort the prisoners to Rhode Island

Ordered Col Long to deliver Maj^r Gains the Carpenters Tools belonging to the state in his hands

SATURDAY JAN^{ry} 25th 1777 ordered the Rec^r General to Let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have £2000—Two Thousand pounds in Treasurers Notes, and fifty Pounds in other Bills to pay men he Musters—for which he is to Acc^t

Appointed Cap^t Benjamin Stone of Atkinson to raise a Company in Col Scammells Reg^t & gave him orders &c

ordered the Re^r Gen^l to Let Cap^t Benjⁿ Stone have £200 to be Accounted for

MONDAY JAN^{ry} 27th 1777 gave Cap^t John House orders to Raise a Comp^y & the Necessary papers

ordered the Receiver General to Let Cap^t John House have Three Hundred pounds to pay men Continental Bounties for which he is to be Accountable

also £3 10 8 for horse hire & Expences in sending two Expresses from Hanover to Col^o Bellows at Walpole to Muster his Comp^y in Sep^t Last

also £17 4 8 for the Bounties & Travel of Abel Webster & Sam^l Wallace Two soldiers in s^d Houses Comp^y in Sep^t last not Mustered by Col Bellows the Muster Master as p^r his Return

ordered the Receiv^r General to Let Cap^t Zechariah Beal have £100 to be Accounted for

TUESDAY JAN^{ry} 28th 1777 Gave Major Abiel Abbot orders to Muster the following Companies viz. Cap^t Will^m Scotts of Peterboro, & Cap^t William Scott of Campden, & Cap^t Sam^l Blodetts

Gave Thomas Sparhawk orders for to Muster the following Companies viz Jason Waits, Isaac Farwells & John Greggs

orderd Maj^r Child to Muster Cap^t John House's Company

gave Additional Orders to Major White of Chester to Muster Cap^t Jonathan Livermores Company, & Cap^t Benjamin Stone's Company

Ordered the R Gen^l to pay Joseph Ayers 40/ for halling a Tun of Lead from Portsmouth to Exeter

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to Let John Wentworth J^r have out of the Treasury £4000 In Treasurers Notes & Seventy five pounds in Other Bills which he is to deliver to the following Muster Masters—viz To Maj^r Jonth Child one Thousand pounds in Notes & Twenty five Pounds in Bills—To Thomas Sparhawk Fifteen Hundred pounds in Notes and Twenty pounds in Bills—To Abiel Abbott Thirty pounds in Bills & fifteen Hundred Pounds in Notes, to Enable them to pay Bounties & Mileage to Soldiers according to their Instructions

ordered the Receiver Gen^{ll} to Let Leint Sam^l Cherry have Sixty pounds, for paying y^e 20 Dollar bounty (promised by Congress) to each Soldier he shall enlist to Serve in Cap^t James Carrs Company & to account for the Same Also gave Cherry a Copy of Cap^t Carrs orders

Gave Cap^t Caleb Robinson orders to raise a Company, & the necessary Enlistments

Gave orders to Cap^t James Gray to raise a Company in Col^o Scammills Regiment

Appointed Daniel Miltimore of Londonderry to be Second Lieut^t in Cap^t Grays Company

ordered the R G to Let Cap^t James Gray have out of the Treasury £200, to pay Continental Bounty to Soldiers he Recruits for which he is to Acc^t

Ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to pay Nathaniel Folsom Eighty one pounds for Sixty pairs of Leather Breeches delivired him by James Leighton at 27/ p^r p^r for which sum Said Folsom is to be Accountable

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Jósiah Russell the Balance of the Roll of his Company of Rangers Amounting to Two Hundred and one pounds Seven Shillings & Two pence, also the Balance of his Account amounting to six pounds

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Daniel Bedel one of the New York Prisoners having Represented that his wife died but 20 days before he left home that a large Family of Children were Suffering in his Absence & having given Bond jointly with M^r Nath^l Weare in £500 conditioned that on his having leave to go home he would return in 50 days unless Liberated by the State of New York—Therefore The Committee gave him a pass to go home on said Conditions

Nathaniel Weare, and Jonathan Purinton of Kensington having given Bond in the Sum of Five Hundred Pounds, for the good behaviour of Asa Brown & Stephen Hunt two of the New York prisoners & that they shall remain true prisoners within the Parish of Kensington until discharged by the General Assembly of this State—the prison keeper at Exeter had a permit to release said persons

WEDNESDAY JAN^{ry} 29th Settled with Col^o Jonathan Chase for his Mustering & paying advance Wages & Blanket money to Cap^t Josiah Russills Co^y of Rangers. Also for his Mustering & paying advance wages & Bounty to 25 men raised in his Regiment for New York in Col^l David Gilmans Reg^t he Accounting for all the Money he Rec^d for both the Afor^{sd} purposes left 23/ in his hands which he paid to the Treasurer & produced his Recet. therefor

Ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Col^o Jonathan Chase £288 4 Two hundred & Eighty Eight pounds four Shillings the Amount of his Roll for his Reg^t going to Ticonderoga on the Alarm in Novem^r 1776

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Tim^{thy} Bradley & Jonathan Eastman £6 15 for boarding five officers late of the Schooner George 3 weeks at 9/ each p^r Week

ordered Gen^l Follsom to Let Cap^t Haven have 5 lb of Powder

THURSDAY JAN^{ry} 30th Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Philips White Esq^r Three pounds nine Shillings & four pence for a Journey to Boston on publick Business

Voted That Samuel Cutts Esq^r have Liberty to send the Schooner Sidney, John Pell Master on a Voyage to any one of the French, Spanish, or Dutch West India Islands for a Cargo of Salt & Molasses—he giving Bond to the Speaker of the Hon^l House of Representatives to present a true Inventory of her whole Cargo on her return and give this State the refusal of the whole

Ordered the R G to Let Nich^s Gilman Jun^r have out of the Treasury £200 for which he is to be Accountable as Commissary to Cap^t John Haven

FRIDAY JAN^{ry} 31—ordered Gen^l Folsom to Let Cap^t Haven have a p^r of shoes for a Sailor who is Barefoot

ordered the R Gen^l to Let Cap^t John Wait have out of the

Treas^{ry} Three hundred & Twenty Seven pounds to pay Continental Bounty to men he Recruits

Took a Receipt of Cap^t Wait for the £327 and also for £33 he rece^d of M^r Blanchard & deliv^d him his Recp^t that he gave M^r Blanchard

also for £156 more which compleats £516 to raise a Comp^y

Sent off this Day under the Care of Cap^t John Haven fifty Six prisoners to be delivered to the commanding Officer of the British Troops at Newport agreeable to directions from Gen^l Washington

26 of the before named prisoners were Landmen taken at Marineck near New York, & the Remainder Seamen

Received from the Committee of Portsmouth a Letter Enclosing a List of the names of 15 persons taken up as Notoriously disaffected to the American cause which persons were Escorted by 8 of Col^o Langdons Com^y of Light Infantry commanded by Serj^t Woodward

Which Persons were Severally examined by the Committee—and then the following orders were made that John Stavers be committed to prison & was Accordingly—James Sheafe refusing to give his Parole to remain in Exeter until Wednesday next & then appear before the Committee, was sent to prison Jonathan Warner Esq^r Oliver Whipple Esq^r Thom^s Airmet and James Hick-ey were Liberated to return home, & appear before the Committee Next Wednesday provided they should be Informed by the Com^e of Portsmouth that they had any new Matter to object against them—Peter Peirce Isaac Rindge, William Hart Hugh Henderson Robert Robertson John Peirce, William Torry, Stephen Little Nathaniel Treadwell, gave their Parole to remain in Exeter until Next Wednesday & then appear before the Committee which was rece^d—James Sheafe sending his Parole in Writing—the prison Keeper was ordered to discharge him—

FEB^y 1^t upon the petition of John Stavers praying that he might be liberated &c—the Committee Sent an order to y^e prison keepers to, Grant Said Stavers liberty of y^e yard till their further order, he giving in y^e Sum of five hundred pounds with Two Sufficient Sureties to remain a True Prisoner Within y^e limits of the prison yard till further liberated, or discharged by proper authority

Dudley Chase of Stratham Appointed Ensign of Cap^t McClary's Comp^y

Benjamin Hitchcox appointed first Leiut^t of Cap^t Benjⁿ Stones Company

MONDAY FEB^{ry} 3^d 1777 Gave Cap^t John Griggs orders to raise a Company in Col^o Scammills Reg^t

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t John Griggs three Hundred

pounds to pay the Continental Bounty to soldiers he Recruits for which he is to be Account^{bl}

Ordered Joseph Stacey keeper of the prison in Exeter to receive into his Custody Rudolph J Eltinge one of the prisoners sent from N York by Col^o Welch

FEB^{ry} 4th 1777—Gave orders to Joseph Stacey keeper of the prison in Exeter to release one Jacob Mott from confinement—at the request of Col^o Joseph Welch under whose care s^d Mott was bro't from New York

Col^o Welch paid the Treas^r £1 17 8 and produced his Receipt therefor, being for so much paid by the State for apprehending said Mott—

order^d the R G to let Theop^s Dame Esq have out of the Treas^{ry} £50 for which his is to be Accountable in Supplying prisoners in Dover Gaol

To Col^o Enoch Poor—

In Consequence of directions from the Hon^{le} Artemas Ward Esq^r Maj^r Gen^l in the Continental Army to this State for Two of the Battallions raising therein to March as soon as possible to Ticonderoga—You are directed to send forward your Regiment by detachments as soon as they are Raised & Equipped under Such Officers as you think will best Expedite the Business—directing the Officers whom you shall appoint to command Such detachments to call on the Muster Masters who Musterd their respective Companies for their Subsistence money to Num^r four, and to call on Elijah Gront Esq^r at s^d Num^r 4 for provisions to last them to Ticonderoga—And as the Speedy Reinforcing that Garrison is of so great Importance to these States we make no Doubt but you will proceed in this Matter With that Vigour & forwardness you have so often shewn for the defence of your Conuntry

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Otis Baker have £1000, one Thous- and pounds to pay Men their Bounties he Musters for which he is to Acc^t.

ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jun^r have forty pounds to pay travil to Col^o Longs Reg^t for which he is to Acc^t

Sent an order to Benj. Chadbourn of Portsmouth to deliver an Anchor to John Moffatt broke in the public service & mended by s^d Chadbourn & promised to pay him

Gave orders to Col^o Poor Immediately to send forward to Ticonderoga his Reg^t by detachments

Made an Agreement with Col^o Hobart about making Gun Powder—which written agreement is on file

FEB^{ry} 5th The Committe repaired to the State House, & resum'd

the Consideration of the matters alledg'd against the Prisoners Sent hither from Portsm^o

made an order for the Prison keeper to send Jn^o Stavers, under the Care of James Rundlet to appear before this Committee and after hearing the Evidence for & against the Prisoners, published the following Resolution & recommendation

Sundry persons sent under Guard by the Committee of Portsmouth for Examination accused of being Notoriously disaffected to the American Cause, having this day been convened before the Committee, the Evidence against them Depositions & Information considered—Also the proofs & Allegations offered by the Accused in their own defence.

The Committee came to the following Resolution. Viz That Peter Peirse, Isaac Rindge, Oliver Whipple John Peirse, James Sheafe Hugh Henderson Robert Robertson William Hart, William Torry, Stephen Little, Nath^l Treadwell & John Stavers each with Two Sufficient Sureties give Bond in common form to the government & people of this State in the sum of five Hundred pounds to remain good & peaceable Subjects within this State & not to say or do anything directly or Indirectly in anywise contrary, or in Opposition to the American Cause now contending for or in any way in favor of or assisting to the Claims of the King of Great Britain, or the united States of America for & during ye Term of one year next Coming—And further advise that they be very careful & cautious in these times of Jealousy & danger in giving any Occasion of Mistrust to any person Whatsoever of their disaffection to the common cause

The Committee likewise recommend that People of every rank and Denomination in this state be careful in detecting all persons speaking or conspiring against this or any of the United American States and cause them to be prosecuted according to the Laws made & published for that purpose—

Also request all Civil Magistrates to use their utmost Endeavours to Suppress Mobs, Riots and Tumultuous Assemblies and if need be to call on the Militia for their Assistance in Stopping all such proceedings

N. B. the above named Stephⁿ Little is farther liberated to y^e County of York & each of them have entered into bond agreeable to y^e above Resolution

FEB^{ry} 5th made an order for the prison keeper to discharge Rolof Josias Ettinge from Goal he paying y^e Charges of imprisonment—Said Ettinge haveing procured, Joseph Brown & Jonth Purinton of Kensington to give Bonds for his remaining a True Prisoner within the Parish of Kensington

FEB^{ry} 6th Appointed Joseph Hilton of Deerfield Second Lieut^t in Cap^t Mich^l McClary's Company

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to deliver Rich^d Brown to be (transported to N^o 4) 528 lb 3/4 Gunpowder—

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Rich^d Brown & Isaac Dow Twenty three pounds to be acc^d for by halling Two Tuns of powder and Lead to N^o 4

Sent off to N^o 4 to be deliv^d to the care of Elijh Grout Esq 2018 lb of Gunpowder 1836 lb Lead & Balls & 1000 Flints by Rich^d Brown & Isaac Dow

FEB^{ry} 7th Settled with Col^o Noah Lovewell his Roll of men Raised in Col^o Nichols's Reg^t for New York

ordered the R G to let Capt Jason Wait have £156 to raise men With for which he is to acc^t

FEB^{ry} 8th In Consequence of a Requisition from the Committe of N. York—Stephen Hunt one of y^e Prisoners from that place, is Now liberated on his parole, which is on file & his Sureties viz. N. Weare & J. Purinton are discharged upon his account—vid. y^e Bond—

an order made to y^e prison Keeper to liberate Elisha Rose, a prisoner from N. York Benj^a Barnard of Kensington having Given bond that y^e S^d Rose remain a True prison in s^d Kensington & as one file

Rec^d Letters from The Captains Thompson & Osborn of y^e Ship Raleigh & Sent Answer to the Same, as on file

R^d a Letter from Gen^l Scuyler, & answered the same.

R^d a Pacquet from Congress—a Letter from M^r Hillegas Continental Treasurer with 263 certificates for 300 dollars Each—and put the same into the hands of Col^o Nich^s Gilman

R^d a Letter from General Washington by Express

R^d by the Post a Letter from Governor Trumbull

R^d by Ditto a Letter from General Spencer answered it by the post

MONDAY FEB^{ry} 10th 1777 ordered the R G to Let Capt Rich^d Weare have £100 out of the Treasury to Enlist men for which he is to Acc^t

Sent an order to Major Adams to collect all the Fire Arms he could find that was bro't from the Fort at New Castle in Decem^r 1775, & report to the Comm^e

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Benjⁿ Stone have out of the Treasury Sixty pounds to pay bounty to men he Enlists for which he is to Acc^t

TUESDAY FEB^y 11 Ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jun^r Have out of the Trasury £150 to be Accounted for as Paymaster to Col^o Longs Reg^t

Lieut^t Sam^l Breeden of Temple having wrote to Col^o Scammill that he declined to Accept of his appoint^t and M^r Ezekiel Goodale of said Temple having been recommended by the Rev^d M^r Webster, the Selectmen Committee of Safety and Commission Officers of the said Temple as Suitable for said Office Therefore the Committee appointed said Ezekiel Goodale Second Lieu^t in Cap^t William Scotts Company in Col^l Scammills Reg^t

Caleb Stark appointed Adjut^t to Col^o Stark's Reg^t

Patrick Cogan Appointed Quarter Master to Col^l Starks Reg^t

Major Snell of the prisoners of Scenectady in the County of Albany having given his parole was permitted to return home

WEDNESDAY FEB^y 12th 1777 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to let Lieut^t Thomas Bowler of Col^o Longs Regiment have out of the Treas^y five pounds & to take his Note on Interest for the same^s Bowler, and Col Long for him having represented that he had not money to bear his Expences to Ticonderoga

Ordered Col^o Jacob Bayley to deliver Maj^r Jonth Child the fire-arms he had in his hands belonging to the state

Gave leave to Maj^r Child to Sell any of Said Guns to any Soldier Enlisted in Starks, Poors, or Scammills Regiments at the price they cost with addition of purchasing & transportation

Rec^d a Petition from M^r Snedeker & Others N York Prisoners, & Spent a considerable time in hearing them thereon—but put off the Determination for the present

THURSDAY FEB^y 13th Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to let Mons^r L. Dominiq^e Eglize have out of the Treasury £15—agreable to a Vote of the Gen^l Assem^{ly}

gave Mons^r L Eglize a pass to go to Canada by Cohas & Missisque Bay

gave Col^o Poor orders to Barrack his Reg^t (until they march) at the house lately Improved by M^r Carlton as a Tavern in Exeter—M^r Gains & M^r Barker two of the Committee Veiwed the afores^d House & reported that there was 42 Squares of Glass broke, 2 Stairs broke 6 Doors gone several others broke, & plaistering broke down in Several rooms

Gave the R G an order to pay Mons^r Dominique Le Eglize four pounds Sixteen Shillings to pay 8 weeks board at Exeter agreable to vote of the General Assembly

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Mich^l M^cClarey have £100 to recruit men with for which he is to Acc^t

Cap^t William Scott of Col^o Starks Regiment Informed the Committee that Benjamin Snows who was appointed Ensign of his Committee had declined accepting—and by his Recommendation the Committee appointed Francis Chandonnet a Canadian Ensign of his said Company

FRIDAY FEB^{ry} 14th ordered the Receiver General to let Cap^t Zechariah Beal have out of the Treasury £100 to recruit men with for which he is to Acc^t

To the Selectmen & Committee of Safety of the Town of Portsmouth—

Whereas the General Court of the State of Massachusetts Bay has prohibited the Exportation of Rum, Molasses, Sugar, Cotton Wooll Sheeps Wooll, Flax, Coffee, Cocoa, Chocolate, Linnen Cotton & Linnen, Woollen, and Cotton Goods of all kinds, Provisions, of all and every Sort, Shoes, Hides, Deerskins, Sheep Skins & Leather of all kinds, as well by Land as by Water from every place in that State to any other State, except such of those things that are purchased at ordinary retail Either for the Consumption of Individuals or Single Families—Which prohibition will be very detrimental to this State, unless a Similar Measure is taken and pursued here. Therefore—as the General Assembly are not Sitting at this time to take the Matter under Consideration. The Committee thinks it Absolutely Necessary to desire you, and accordingly do request that you use your utmost Endeavours to prevent any of the before Enumerated Articles from being carried out of the Town of Portsmouth by Land or Water to any place not belonging to this State (except what is purchased by retail as Allowed in the State of the Massachusetts Bay) until such time as the General Assembly can have Opportunity to take the matter under Consideration) And in perticular to cause a careful Search to be made of all Vessels going out of the Harbour & to prevent their Sailing with any of those Articles on Board, except such Quantities as are Necessary for Sea Stores for Each Respective Vessel

David M^cGregore Jun^r of Londonderry appointed Lein^t of Cap^t Daniel Livermores Company

Ordered the Receiver General to let Cap^t Daniel Livermore have £200 to Recruit men with for which he is to Account

Gave orders to Cap^t Livermore to Recruit a Company

Gave orders to Cap^t William Scott to recruit a Comp^y for Col^o Starks Reg^t

ordered Noah Emery Jun^r to pay Rob^t Clark £80 to be delivered Cap^t Tim^{thy} Clements to pay advance wages to 40 men of his Comp^y to be Accoun^d for by said Clements.

SATURDAY—FEB^{ry} 15th ord^d Rec^r Gen^l to let Cap^t Elip Giddinge have £1000 to be Accounted for by him as Muster Master ordered Ditto to Let Col^o Nath^l Peabody have £138 7 6 out of the Treas^{ry} to provisions D^d said Cutts for which M^r Cutts is to Acc^t

WEDNESDAY FEB^{ry} 19th 1777 Cap^t John Haven made return of his doing in deliver^g the Prisoners at Newport papers on file

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t John Haven £26 19 4, the Amount of his Roll of his Company for Escorting prisoners to Newport

Deacon Barnard who gave Bond for the good Behaviour of one Elisha Rose a New York prisoner, bro't said Rose before the Committee and desired his Bond Cancelled, which was done & the Committee Took said Rose's verbal parole to remain a true prisoner within 6 miles of the State House in Exeter

upon a petition from the board of War in the State of y^e Mass^a bay ordered, that Eleazer Russel Esq. Maritime officer for the Port of Piscataqua, permit the Ship Bunker hill with her Cargo, Consisting of Mahogney, & Fustic, to proceed to Sea

THURSDAY FEB^{ry} 20th Nicholas Gilman Jun^r Commisary of Prisoners to Newport, this day returned & Settled his Acc^t of Expen^s his Charge amounted to £79 4 2 and he produced a Receipt from the Treas^r for £120 15 10 which Accounts for the £200 he recei^d out of the Treas^{ry}

Gave James M^cMasters a Pass to Fort Western on Kenebeck River to transact some Necessary Business there

Wrote to Col^o Bedel to come Immediately & settle his acc^{ts} with the State

agreed with Noah Emery Jun^r for him to act as Commis^y of our Stores at the Northern Army, and to give him Twelve pounds pr Month Wages & pay his Necessary Expences

Ordered the R G to pay Jos Bass £8 for a months pay in C Longs Reg^t

Ordered the Keeper of the Goal in Portsmouth to discharge Francis Weeks from Confinement, said Weeks paying all prison Charges—and the Father of said Weeks engaged to bring his Son before the Committee at Exeter

Ordered the R G to let Col^o Moses Kelly have out of the Treas^{ry} forty Pounds for which he is to Account in Supporting New York Prisoners in Amherst Gaol

Samuel Swett of Kingstown appointed Ensign to Cap^t Jeremiah Gilman's Company

ordered Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge, to Muster Cap^t Sam^l Blodgetts Company and ordered Cap^t Abbot not to Muster them

Col^o Tash having paid the R G £73 8 Rec^d for wages of Cap^t Robinsons Comp^y gave him a Certificate thereof

ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to let Leint^t Thomas Liford have out of the Treasury £50 which he is to pay on demand

FRIDAY FEB^{ry} 21st ordered the Committee of Dover to Let Col^o Scammill have out of M^cMasters Goods in their hands Such things as he wants for the use of the Army, for which the State is to Acc^t

Directed the Sheriff of the County of Hilsborough to Liberate within the Towns of Amherst & Goffestown such of the New York prisoners as can find Sureties in this State. Copy on file

Gave Leave to Rich^d Snedeker, Sam^l Mabbitt, Joseph Mabbitt Stephen Thorn, Jonth Thorn, John Cooke Mathias Cook, Timothy Doughty, Solomon Haight, Elisha Rose, Alexander Haire to return home to their Families in New York, they having given Bonds as on file

Francis Weeks, one of the Prisoners from New York was Liberated, his Father an Inhabitant in the state of Mass^{ts} Pay a Man of Estate, Character & Esteemed friend to his Country having given Bond for his good Behaviour, which is on file

SATURDAY FEB^{ry} 22^d Wrote Letters & sent by the Courier to Gen^l Washington Governor Trumbull, Committee of New York Gover^r Cooke, Council of Mass^{ts} Bay also wrote to Col^o Starke

Gave papers to Eleven New Yorkers to go their homes & cease from troubling

ordered the R G to pay John Taylor Gilman £300 to buy Cloathing for which he is to Acc^t

MONDAY FEB^{ry} 24th Being a Stormy day the Committee met late & proceeded to get things in order to send forward to Ticonderoga

TUESDAY FEB^{ry} 25th The following orders were sent, to the Col^{os} Stark, Poor, & Scammill, viz—Sir this Moment the Committee received by Express, Two Letters from General Washington dated the 7th & 8th of this Ins^t Feb^{ry} wherein he orders all the Troops raised in New Hampshire to march forthwith to Ticonderoga— And directs if the Regiments are not full that they be sent forward by Companies with part of the Officers, leaving the Others to Recruit at home & follow after. Which Command the Committee desire you will carry into Execution (as far as relates to your Regiment) as fast as possible

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to Let the Select men of Epping have out of the Treas^{ry} 36/ for a Gun deli^d Cap^t Dan^l Moore for the Soldier in his Com^y in Col^o Starks Reg^t

Trueworthy Gilman this day rendered an Acc^t of his Time & Expences in going Express to N^o 4 and paid the Balance of the Nine pounds he had advanc^d into the Treas^y & produced a Receipt therefor

WEDNESDAY FEB^y 26th James Crumby appointed first Lieut^t in Cap^t Blodgets Comp^y

David Forsythe of Chester Ensign to Cap^t Blodget.

Sam^l Cherry who was Second Lieut^t of Cap^t Carrs Comp appointed first Lieut^t of Said Comp^y & Peletiah Whittimore of New Ipswich appointed Second Lieut^t of said Comp^y

Gave orders to Maj^r Abbot of Wilton to Muster What men Lieut Whittimore shall Enlist for Cap^t Carrs Company

Isaac Fry Appointed a Captain in Col Scammills Reg^t in Stead of Cap^t Scott who declines

THURSDAY FEB^y 27th ordered the Sheriff of the County of Rockingham to open Stores & Take a Quantity of Rum for Supply of the army &c as on file

Appointed Moses Emerson & Sam^l Hobart Esq^{rs} to appraise Rum taken as afores^d

Col^o Josiah Bartlet Settled his Muster Roll & pay Roll of the men he Raised for Col^l David Gilmans Reg^t and Accounted for £180 drawn out of the Treasury for that purpose

FRIDAY FEB. 28th Ordered the R G to pay Ed^d Dempney £4 5 for Boarding one John Sylvester a poor Stranger by order of the Committee

permitted the Sheriff of the County of Rockingham to Liberate from confinement all or any of the prisoners from New York who could find Suffic^t Sureties in £500 to remain true prisoners at Portsmouth until properly discharged, and not say or do anything against the American cause

ordered R G to Let Ebenezer Colcord have 75 Dollars to be Acc^d for by halling a Load of Stores to Ticond^a

Load weig^d 27 ct 1q 4 lb

ord^d D^o to Let Joseph Wadley have 75 Dol^{rs} as above

Load w^d 25 ct 2q 12 lb

agread with all the Teams to pay 116 Dol^{rs} p^r Tun Weg^t for halling to Ticonderoga

Settled with Noah Emery Ju^r paymaster to Col^o Louns Regiment and he accounted for £1890 drawn out of the Treas^y by him for that purpose

John Taylor Gilman having packed up & Delivered the Cloath-

ing purchased by Gen^l Folsom & himself presented an Invoice & Settled the Acc^t and Accounted for £1331 drawn out of the Treas^y by Gen Folsom & himself for that purpose except £153 10 8 with he is to Acc^t for hereafter

ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jur have £30 out of the Treas^y for which he is to Acc^t

SATURDAY MARCH 1st 1777 ordered the R G to let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have out of the Treasury Two Thousand Pounds to pay Bounties to make passes Muster for which he is to be Accountable

Appointed Nath^l McCauley who was 2^d Leiu^t to be first Leu^t of Cap^t Morrells Company Barzillia Howe (who was Ensign) to be Second Leiu^t and David Mudget of Gilmantown Ensign

ordered the R G to Let Cap^t Benjamin Stone have out of the Treasury Ninety pounds to pay Continental Bounty for which he is to Acc^t

agreed with Mr William Bell to give him 20/ pr Month as an assistant to Commissary Emery above his wages as a Soldier

MONDAY MARCH 3^d permitted William Tremmeliff to go to Amherst for 10 days on his parole to see his friends there

ordered the R G to Let Cap^t Rich^d Weare one hundred pounds to Enlist Soldiers

Ordered the Re^r Gen^l to Let Cap^t Amos Emerson have £100 to pay Continental Bounties to men he Enlists for which he is to be Acc^{ble}

TUESDAY MARCH 4th Gave Cap^t Isaac Frye orders to Raise a Company in Col^o Scammills Reg^t

ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to let Cap^t Isaac Frye have out of the Treasry £300 to pay Continental Bounty to men he Enlists for which he is to Account

ordered the Receiver General to let Joseph Smith John Hill, Isaac Webster, Ezekiel Gile & Jacob Heath Each of them Sixty Dollars, in the whole being Three Hundred Dollars for which they are Separately to be Accountable for his own Sum in Halling Stores to Ticonderoga

Loaded five teams this day for Ticonderoga which make's up 20 Teams loaded since Friday last

this day order the Sheriff of the County of Rock^m to open Stores & take 16 Hogsheads of Rum for the Army unless it was Immediately Supplied without

ordered the R G to pay Isaac Webster 13 4 for Expences waiting at Exeter for his Load

ordered the R G to pay Josh^h Smith, Ezekiel Gile, & Jacob Heath £2 12 0 for his Expence waiting at Exeter for their Loads

WEDNESDAY MARCH 5th 1777 Ordered the R G to let William Bell have out of the Treasury £216 to be by him Carried to Cap^t John House for the purpose of Pay^g Bounties to Soldiers he Enlists

ordered R G to let Leiu^t Hale have 190 Dollars & Samuel Noyes, & Reuben Harriman each 60 Dollars to be Accounted for by hauling Stores to Ticonderoga

Loaded of four Teams this day

ordered the R G to let Will^m Bell have five dollars to pay his Expences in coming from Hanover after Money for Cap^t House

THURSDAY MARCH 6th Ordered Maj^r Jonathan Child to Muster what men Leiu^t Thomas Simpson should present to him as Enlisted in Cap^t R^d Weare's Comp^y following the same directions as given Respecting Cap^t House

ordered the R G to pay the Role of Cap^t Elip^t Daniel for his Comp^y to the first of March amounting to £299 0 2

ordered the R G to pay Noah Emery Junⁱ the amount of his Acc^t being £26 10 1 for sundry's by him provided for Ticonderoga, & paid three of Col^o Longs men

ordered the R G to pay Clement Daniel £30 for Apprehending Capt Shepard & £5 2 for Necessary Expences

Ordered the R G to pay Jn^o Ingols, Sam^l Webster Joseph Webster & John Dusten each Sixty Dollars to be accounted for by them Separately Each for his own Sum in hauling Stores to Ticonderoga—also to pay Jn^o Ingals, Sam^l Webster, and John Dusten Eight Dollars each—and Joseph Webster Ten Dollars & one half for hauling loads from Portsmouth & for waiting for their Loads &c

Each of the above persons took Loads for Ticonderoga

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Peabody have out of the Treas^{ry} £34 10s in consequence of an order drawn in his favor by Sam^l Cutts Esq^t to be accounted for by said Cutts

ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Gains one pound Eleven Shillings for several Expresses & for fire wood for the Gen^l Assembly as p^r his Acc^t on file

David Gilman of Raymond appointed 2^d Leiu^t in Cap^t Blodgets Comp^y

John Deunet appointed 2^d Leiu^t in Cap^t Beals company

MARCH 7th David Gilman above named, at Col^o Poors desire is removed to Cap^t Hayes Company and Noah Robinson who was

Ensign of Cap^t Titcombs Comp^y is removed & appointed 2^d Leiu^t to Cap^t Blodgets Company

Jeremiah Fogg appointed Pay Master to Col^o Poors Regiment

Oliver Whipple having petitioned the Committee is Liberated to go into any part of the State of Massachusetts Bay his Bond Notwithstanding

Ordered the Re^r Gen^l to pay Maj^r Winborn Adams 24/ for so much Advanced by him at Boston to advertize Cap^t Shepard

ordered the R G to pay Will^m Mead £3 4 for ten Barrells & Setting some Hogshhead Hoops

ordered the R G to pay M^r Thomas Odiorne Ten pounds four Shillings for four Reams of Paper for Ticonderoga—& one for the State

ordered the R G to charge the State with his Acc^t for hauling Stores from Portsmouth and Empty Cask amounting to Six pounds Seven Shillings & nine pence

ordered the R Gen^l to pay Col Daniel Gilman Three pounds three shillings for Hauling Stores from portsmouth

This day Settled with Col^o Scammill and ordered the R^r Gen to pay him Sixteen Hundred & Seventy Eight pounds the Balance of the whole Continental Bounty to Raise his Regiment Col^o Scammill having given his Rece^t for £400 drawn by Cap^t Weare, £400 by Cap^t Beal £300 by Cap^t McClary £350 by Cap^t Stone £200 by Cap^t Gray £300 by Cap^t Griggs £200 by Cap^t Livermore £300 by Cap^t Frye making in the whole £2450—and S^d Captains are to be Acc^t with him therefore, his whole Receipt being for 13760 Dollars

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Alexander Scammills have one hundred & Twenty Pounds for which s^d Scammill is to be Accountable

ordered the R G to let Maj^r Gains have three hundred pounds tow^d paying for Stores Sent to Ticonderoga he to be accountable

TUESDAY MARCH 11th 1777 David Gilman who was appointed 2^d Leiu^t to Cap^t Hayes Company, removed to be 2^d Leiu^t in Cap^t Jn^o Drews Company

and Joseph Potter who was Ensign to Cap^t Hayes Company appointed 2^d Leiu^t

William Taggart appointed Ensign to Cap^t Hayes Company

Eben^r Light who was Ensign of Cap^t Robinsons Company appointed 2^d Leiu^t of Cap^t Bells Comp^y

Jonth Cass appointed Ensign to Cap^t Robinsons Comp^y

ordered the R G to Let D^r William Parker have out of the Treasury £40 to Buy Medicines for Col^o Poors Reg^t for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Committee for Buying Salt Petre to Deliver what Salt Petre they receive to Col^o Hobart to Manufacture in Gun Powder

Jonathⁿ Cass who was appointed Ensign In Cap^t Robinsons Company now removed to be Ensign in Cap^t Grays Comp^y in Col^o Scammills Reg^t

WEDNESDAY MARCH 12th Settled with Col^o Enoch Poor this day and ordered the R G to Let him have Three Hundred & Fifty Two pounds to compleat paying the Continental Bounty to his Reg^t and he also Accounted for £860 2d by his officers & £516 drawn by Cap^t Robinson of G Sullivan which officers are to account with him—he gave his R^t for £1728

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Ordered the Receiver General to pay Nich^s Nichols Fifteen Shillings for his time and Horses in Removing Sundry Stores, &c bound for Ticonderoga

The Committee delivered the Several Teamsters as p^r Agreement Twenty Gallons, 2 quarts 1 pint & a half pint of Rum an Acc^t of which is on file, and they are Severally to Acc^t for what each R^d out of the sum they were to have for Halling after drawing which and filling up the Other Casks sent forward—there Remained in a Hogshead in Col^o Gilmans Store 61 Gallons which the Committee delivered to Col Gilman And took his Receipt to Acc^t therefor & charge himself in his Acc^t at the Same Rate as it Cost the State

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to let Col^o Nathanil Peabody have 10/ to pay for his Expences at Portsmouth procuring Stores for Ticonderoga

Cap^t Henry Dearborn bro^t and Delivered Col^o Weare 1720 Dollars from Gen^l Sullivan drawn out of the Continental Chest for one of the New Hamp^r Recruiting Captain—and was Delivered by Col^l Weare to the Receiver General

TUESDAY APRIL 15th 1777 The following persons being appointed a Committee of Safety in recess of the Gen^l Court viz—Meshech Weare, Josiah Bartlet, Nich^s Gilman Ebenezer Thompson, John Dudley, Josiah Moulton Nath^l Peabody, Thomas Odiorne, George Gains, John M^cClary, John Smith, & Eben^t Potter—

a Quorum met this day and made out a number of Warrants to apprehend persons suspected of counterfeiting the paper Currency, and Employed persons to serve the Same

Ordered the R G to let Col^o Otis Baker have one hundred pounds to pay travel money to Soldiers he musters for which he is to Acc^t

Voted That John Dudley & Nathaniel Peabody Esq^{rs} be & hereby are appointed to go to Concord in the State of the Mass^{ts} Bay and Attend the Superior Court of Judicature Setting there, And if they Shall find any persons there belonging to this State whom they Suspect to have been Concerned in Counterfeiting, or uttering Counterfeited Bills of Credit of this State, or of the United States, or any one of them that they endeavour to procure the aid of some Magistrate in that State to Issue a Process Sufficient to bring any such Person or Persons to the Line of this State where they are to take care to see him or them properly secured.

Ordered the R G to Let M^r George Peirce have £30 toward his trouble in Endeavouring to detect persons concerned in Counterfeiting money & to enable him to pursue his Discoveries

WEDNESDAY APRIL 16th 1777. ordered the R G to Let Col^o Joseph Cilley have £162 out of the Treasury to pay Continental Bounty to Soldiers that Enlist in his Reg^t for which he is to Acc^t

THURSDAY APRIL 17th 1777 ordered the R G to Let Rob^t Willson Esq^r have Twelve Shillings in full of his Acc^t for going Express to Col^o Stark at Derryfield

This day as well as most of the 2 preceeding spent in making out Warrants and Examining affairs relative to Persons Accused of Counterfeiting money

FRIDAY APRIL 18^h 1777. Gave Permits to William Ramsey & James Ramsey of Londonderry & Henry Moore of Chester to go to Connecticut to Buy Flax

Wrote to M^r Sparrhawk to Muster such soldiers in Cap^t Blodgets Comp^y as shall be offered by L^t Crombie of Rindge—And also if he has musterd any men in Cap^t Cloys's Comp^y to transmit their names to Cap^t Abiel Abbot of Wilton—& not to pass any of s^d Comp^y in future

Wrote to Cap^t Abiel Abbot to muster the Comp^y of Cap^t Cloyse of Fitzwilliam

ordered the R G to let M^r Edward Jewet have £1500 in Notes & £50 in Bills to be delivered by him to Major Abiel Abbot

ordered the Receiver General to Let Sam^l Cutts Esq^r have out of the Treasury Three hundred & forty Seven pounds two shillings & ten pence to be Accounted for by him as Commissary—being the sum he has Advanced to Supply to this time accor^d to his Acc^t Shewn

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter for the Month of March amounting to one Hundred & fifty Six pounds, Ten shillings & Eleven pence

Gave the Maritime officer for the Port of Piscataqua leave to permit Cap^t Thomas Monroe to export from Portsmouth to Boston $\frac{1}{2}$ the Cargo of Salt bro't into the port by the Schooner Relief Benj^a Jenkins Master

Gave the Maritime Officer leave to permit the Brigantine Three friends belonging to Jacob Sheafe Jun^r to sail for the West Indies—the giving Bond to the Speaker to give the refuse of the Cargo to the States

SATURDAY APRIL 19th 1777 William Rowell who was Lieu^t of Cap^t James Norris's Comp^y appointed Captain of the Company lately commanded by Cap^t Benjⁿ Titcomb who is advan^d

John Colcord was 2^d L^t of Cap^t Norris's Comp^y appointed first L^t in Room of L^t Rowell advanced

Peletiah Warren of Berwick appointed Surgeons Mate to Col^o Hales Regiment

MONDAY APRIL 21st 1777 Ordered the Receiver General to Let Maj^r William White have out of the Treasury Two Thousand pounds in Notes to pay Bounties to men he Musters & Fifty pounds to pay Travel money to said men

ordered the R G to let Cap^t William Hutchins have out of the Treasury one hundred & fifty pounds to pay Bounties to men he Enlists for which he is to Acc^t

TUESDAY APRIL 22^d 1777 give passes to John Bartlet of Epping, Levi Chapinan of New Market & David Jewet of Exeter to go to Fish Kills in the state of New York to Drive Continental Teams

ordered the R G to Let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have Two Thousand Pounds in Notes to pay Bounties for which he is to Acc^t

ordered M^r John B^m Hanson to Let Joseph Leigh have 40 Barrells of the States Beef in his hands

ordered M^r John B Hanson to deliver Theophilus Dame Esq^r as much Beef as he shall desire for the use of the New York Prisoners confined in Dover Goal

Ordered the Rec^r General to let Theoph^s Dame Esq^r have out of the Treasury Sixty Pounds to Buy Provisions for the N York Prisoners in Dover Gaol, for which he is to Account

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Benjamin Sias one Hundred & Twenty three pounds Six Shillings the Amount of the wages due from this State to his Comp^y for their Service in Col^o D Gilmans Reg^t at N York

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23^d Ordered the R G to let Col^o Scam-
will have £100 to buy Medicines for which he is to be Acc^{ble}

MONDAY APRIL 28th 1777. ordered Maj^r abbot of Wilton, to
muster any men belonging to Holles who are or shall Enlist in
Cap^t John House's or Cap^t Michael McClary's Company's & to
transmit the names of those he muster to the Muster Master of
those Company's

Order'd the Receiver General to pay Cap^t Noah Worster of Hol-
lis £10 to be by him accounted for

APRIL 29th Ordered the R General to let Col^o Winborn Adams
have sixty pounds out of the Treasury, which sum said Adams is
to return on demand

ordered the R G to let M^r Thomas Odiorne have out of the
Treasury one Hundred Pounds to buy Belts for soldiers for which
he is to be Accountable

Ordered the R G to Let Col^o Alexander Scammell have out of
the Treas^y one Hundred & Twenty Pounds to purchase Medicines
for his Reg^t for which he is to be Accountable

ordered the Receiver General to let Col^o Joseph Cilley have Sixty
Pounds to pay Bounties to men that he Enlists in his Regim^t for
which he is to be Accountable

Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to let John Griffin have £3 17 6 to
discharge his Acc^t for tak^s & committing Maj^r Richardson

ordered the R^r G to let Cap^t Jeremiah Eames have one Hundred
& Ninety Seven pounds 12/8 in full for his Roll & Company to this
day & Supplies

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30th 1777—Luke Woodbury of Salem Ap-
pointed Ensign of Cap^t Caleb Robinsons Com^y

ordered the R G to pay Col Poors Acc^t for Sundry Sums p^d for
publick Service £8 6 10

Ordered the Rec^r General to Pay the Roll of Cap^t Daniel Gordon
in Col^o David Gilmans Regiment Amounting to £175 8 8

Ordered the R General to pay the following Sums to the follow-
ing Persons being Balances due to them as p^r Agreement for Halling
Stores to Otter Creek & other places this side of that viz To Eze-
kiel Gile £13 7 7 Joseph Smith £12 18 9 John Jenness £33 19
6 John Hill £8 11 Eben^r Colcord £ 24 19 6 Benjⁿ Clough Jun^r
& Timothy Bartlet £52 3 John Philbrick £28 14 6 Dudley
Thing 31 5 Joseph Wadley £17 7 10

THURSDAY MAY 1st Whereas it has been Represented that
many Towns in this State Notwithstanding their unwearied endeav-
ours and offers of large Bounties have not yet been able to procure
their full Quotas of Men for the Continental Service— Therefore at

this critical Season to the End that the Men to compleat the Batalions may immediately March.—The Committee are of Opinion that Such delinquent Towns may fill up their number at present with Men Enlisted for eight Months or a Year as they see fit. Provided they will be careful to provide others to take their Places when the times are out of those they now send. No Continental or State Bounty can be advanced to any but such as enlist For the War or three Years as the Votes of Congress and the General Court of this State forbid it. The Travel money will be paid when they pass muster

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Gllman £17 11 in full of his Acc^t ag^t the State

FRIDAY MAY 2^d Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Sam^l Folsom Nineteen pounds Eleven Shillings for himself & 5 others apprehending Money Makers

SATURDAY MAY 3^d 1777—Expresses arrived last Evening from Sundry Quarters. Wrote letters to Boston, to the Militia Officers in the County of Cheshire, &c

Ordered the R G to let Nich. Niccolls have £4 10 to bear his Expences going to N^o 4, he to be Acc^{ble}

Ordered the R G to pay Col Scammell £5 10/ for transporting Belts Shoes &c to N^o 4

MONDAY MAY 5 Examined Sunday evidences about Col^o Hollands Escape out of Gaol

MAY 6th Appointed Nathaniel Leavitt of Hampton Ensign in Cap^t Weares Company

Wrote to Deacon Knowles that an Ensign might be appointed in Rochester (for Cap^t Rowells Comp^y)

Wrote to Col^o Moulten to keep a Guard at the Boars head, Of two persons Constantly night & day

WEDNESDAY MAY 7th 1777. William Ellis of Keen appointed Cap^t of a Company in Col^o Scammills Reg^t in the Room of Cap^t John Griggs who has Resigned

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Sam^l Philbrick Eleven pounds, Eighteen shillings & six pence the Balance of his Acc^t for Transporting Arms to N^o 4

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t William Ellis five Dollars for paying an Express from Keen to Newport to Esq^r Giles

ordered the R. G. to pay Joseph Leigh £25 to be Accounted for by him as Commissary

Thomas Hardy of Pelham appointed Leiu^t in Cap^t Bells Company in the Room of Leu^t Jethro Herd who Resigned

ordered the R G to pay Juⁿ Carty Ab^m Sheriff & Dan^l Taylor 36/ for Transporting one Tun lead & 1 1/2 Tun powd^r from Portsm^o to Exeter to go to N 4

Ordered the R G to pay George Gains in behalf of Jon^a Mitchel Sewell £18 for his fees in Libelling & prosecuting the Ship Prince George & Bocacheco & Masts &c

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Joshua Haywood in Col^l Gilmans Reg^t amounting to £156 4 and his Acc^t amounting to 5 12 8

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THURSDAY MAY 8th 1777—Ordered the R G to Let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have £1000 to be Accounted for as Muster Master

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to let Cap^t James Guppy in behalf of the Selectmen of Dover have one Tun of Gun Powder

Ordered the R G to pay Eben^r Green Esq^r Eight hundred pounds which is for Maj^r Jon^a Child to pay the State bounty to the Soldiers to be accounted for

Order'd the R G to pay Sam^l Tuffts £28 5 6 which is Due to the Town of Newbury Port for fixing two cannon. Shott &c

Ordered the R G to pay off Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels Roll amounting to £153 18 4

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Fred Bell two pounds & ten pence for his & W^m Elliots expences in going to Londonderry after Col^o Holland

ordered the R G to pay Edward Dempsey £13 16 for Boarding Patrick M^cDonald 23 Weeks to the 5th of May 1777

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Daniel Fowle £24 in full of his Acc^t for printing for the State

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Sam^l Folsom four pounds five shillings for Assistants Expences &c After Col^o Holland

FRYDAY MAY 9th Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Caleb Smith £50 3 4 for hauling one load of Stores to Otter Creek, & one load to N^o 4.

Considered of a petition from Portsmouth concerning Tories—

FRYDAY MAY 9th 1777—Notified sund^y Evidences against Theophilus Smith & Joseph Stacey about Col^l Hollands escape out of Goal—

The Evidences appeared before the Com^{tee} with Cap^t Smith & Jos Stacey and they were examined concerning the Matter but

nothing sufficient to confine them appearing, they were discharged for the present upon Smith's taking the Oath

MAY 10th Sent off Cap^t Blodget to apprehend & bring before the Committee Nathaniel Rogers & Doct^r Marstes of Newmarket

Sent a Warrant to Apprehend Joseph Stacy & commit him.

Ordered the R Gen^l to pay Cap^t Nath^l Giddinge fifteen pounds to pay for hauling one Tun of Powder & Lead to N^o 4

Ordered the R Gen^l to pay Jn^o Ward Gilman £16 16—for marking & numbering 2016 french Guns by Gen^l Poors order at 2^d each

Ordered D^o to let George Gains Esq^r have £600 to pay for Stores sent to Ticonderoga for which he is to Acc^t

MONDAY MAY 12—Orderd Jn^o Taylor Gilman to deliver Jn^o Spring a Soldier in Cap^t Caleb Robinsons Comp^y a Gun

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to deliver the select Men of Hampton two Barrels of Gunpowder, & to the select men of Northampton one Barrel they to be accountable therefor—

Rec^d a petition, preferred by the Selectmen & Committees of Hampton, Greenland, &c, &c to raise a Regiment to be stationed on the Sea Coast

A Letter from Gen^l Washington by Express urging the forwarding Troops to Ticonderoga &c rec^d this Day

MAY 13th Gave Lieut^t Huntoon an Order on M^r Jn^o T Gilman for a Gun for Will^m Moor a soldier in Cap^t Caleb Robinson's Comp^y

TUESDAY MAY 13th 1777—William Vance of Londonderry being bro't before the Committee charged with aiding Col^l Holland in his escape, not giving a satisfactory Acc^t was committed to prison

One Charles Cowell of Peterboro' bro't before the Com^{tee} charged with being concerned in counterfeiting Money, was admitted to be a Witness & recognized to appear at Court &c

Order'd the R Gen^l to let Col^l John Hale have £50 to be accounted for

Order'd the R General to let M^r Robert Smith of Londonderry have £5 to be accounted for

MAY 14—Ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter amounting to £183 9 4

Gave orders to M^r Odiorne, & desired him to proceed to Newbury to purchase Guns, lead & Flints

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to deliver the Select Men of Candia Raymond & Poplin one Tun of Gun powder

Candia Receiv^d 675 lb $\frac{3}{4}$ Raymond 568 lb $\frac{1}{2}$ Poplin 567 lb $\frac{3}{4}$

Col^l John Hale of Hollis appointed Surgeon of Coll Cilly's Regiment

Jonathan Poole of Hollis appointed Surgeon's Mate in Coll Cilley's Regiment

agreed to raise 3 Company's; to consist of 80 Men each Officers Included for one Month to guard the sea Coast of this State—a Copy of the Orders to Gen^l Folsom is on file

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Jn^o Hale have £50 to be Accounted for

THURSDAY MAY 15th 1777 ordered the R G to pay Noah Robinson 12/ for his Expences to Portsmouth on Public Bussiness

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to let the Select Men of Londonderry have 1000 lb Gunpowder to carry to said Town for safe keeping, to be returned when ordered by proper authority

Wrote to Maj^r Gains to procure Materials to Lay Platforms at Fort Washington—also to deliver the Selectmen of Greenland one Barrell of Gun Powder

Ordered the R G to pay L^t Nathan Smith for apprehending Money Makers £8 14 10

To Cap^t Noah Worster to be Accounted for £15

gave a permit to James M^cMasters to go to Fort Western on Kenebeck River

gave D^o to Maj^r Hacket to go to Connecticut

gave D^o to Joseph Gilman to go to Providence

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Moses Kelly have £50 to support Prisoners to be Accounted for

ordered Simeon Ladd Gaol keeper to give Jn^o Powell the Liberty of the Yard

MAY 16 ordered Simeon Ladd to bring William Vance before the Committee for further Examination

gave order for a Gun to be delivered Enoch Thomas of Cap^t Grays Company

Ordered the R G to pay W^m Fay Jun^r £3 for his Time & Expence from Woburn as an Evidence against W^m Vance

ordered the R G to pay L^t Robert Smith £6 in full for his Account for time & Expence after Holland & Vance

Moses Belding of Swanzey appointed Leiu^t in Cap^t Ellis Company in Col^l Scammills Reg^t in the Room of Leiu^t Wright who resigned

Ordered General Folsom to let the Select Men of Brentwood have half Tonn of Gunpowder to Carry to Said Parish for Safe Keeping, to be returned when order'd by proper Authority

Ordered General Folsom to Deliver half a Ton of powder to the Select Men of Kingstown, to Carry to Said Town for Safe Keeping, to be returned when Ordered by proper Authority

SATURDAY MAY 17th Order'd the R Gen^l to pay Jn^o Smith fourteen pounds one shilling & six pence to satisfy his Acc^t for signing &c Money & Notes &c

Gave a permit for the Privateer Schooner M^cClary to sail on a Cruize against the Enemy

MONDAY MAY 19 1777 Desired Cap^t Giddinge to muster & pay Pearson Huntriss a Soldier belonging to Cap^t Drews Company & return his name to Col^o Baker

Ordered Gen^l Folsom to Deliver the Selectmen of Eppin 1/2 Tun powd^r for Safe keeping to be return'd when call^d for

Resolved that it is the opinion of this Committee that no Soldier nor Seaman be permitted to Enter on board any Vessel of war belonging to any other State untill our Quota of men in the Continental army is compleated, and the Raleigh and other Vessels of war belonging to this State is fully mann'd—and the Select men & Committee of Saftey of the Town of Portsmouth; and the Commander of the Raleigh and Captains of the forts are Desired to See this Resolve Carry'd into Execution

Ordered Gen^l Nath^l Folsom to Deliver Col^l Nath^l Peabody 10 hundred of Gun Powder to carry into the Country for safe keeping till Called for by the Authority of this State—Also 209 lb 3/4 for Gun Powd^r for so much Salt Petre deliv^d the State he pay^s s^d Folsom 8^d p^r lb—Also to deliver 60^{lb} G Powder taking 5/ p^r pound therefor

said Peabody had 11^{lb} powd^r more at 5/ which he p^d for

TUESDAY MAY 20 Gave liberty for Col^o Langdon to Send a Flag of Truce to Hallifax also permitted Edw^d Parry and Jos Stacy Hastens & families & Baggage to go in said Flag

Permitted Sam^l Hill to Send five bb^s powd^r to Boston for the use of a Privateer

Gave orders to Jn^o Burnham Hanson to Deliver a Quantity of the States provision to Col^l Supply Clapp as Agent Victualler

Gave orders to the Committee of the Town of Mason to take an Inventory of the Estate of Sam^l Tarbal & to See that none of it is Carried away neither Cattle nor Horses

Gave Lemuel Doe a permit to carry to Damascotta Bristol &c one hundred bushels corn & a few Sheep

Ordered the R G to let Maj^r Eben^r Tibbets have one hundred & fifty pounds to pay Continental bounty to 25 men enlisted in the Town of Rochester for which he is to be accountable

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to Let Maj^r William White have one Thousand pounds, L.M. to pay State bounty to the Soldiers he is ordered to Muster for the Continental Army £1,000

WEDNESDAY MAY 21st ordered the Re^r G to pay Eben^r Thompson 10/ for his Expences & horse hire & Col^o Bartets Expences to Hawke Examining Paul Hale

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Col^l Nath Peabody £15 17 9 ½ the Amount of his Acc^t for publick Service

ordered D^o to pay John Dudly Esq^r for D^o £2 19

ordered D^o to Charge the State the sum of £3 7 7 ½ for a Journey to Boston on public Business

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Joseph Parsons for his Company in Col^o David Gilmans Reg^t £130 3 4

one John Hickey for violent Speeches ag^t the American States brot from Londonderry & Committed

THURSDAY MAY 22^d Ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Robert Thompson Cons^{ble} of Londonderry 36/ for bringing John Hickey to Prison

ordered the R G to pay Isaac Webster five Pounds four Shillings the Balance of his Acc^t for Halling Stores to Otter Crick

Gave John Man a permit to go home to the State of New York to appear before the Board of Commissioners &^c there

FRIDAY MAY 23^d 1777 ordered the R G to let Thomas Odiorne have £48 to pay for Belts—to be accounted for by him

Orderd R G to pay Benj^a Judkins £26 4 3 for haling Stores to N 4 & Otter Creek

Ordered R G to pay Tho^s Gilman his pay Roll for guarding Gaol one month amounting to £20 2 4

SATURDAY MAY 24th ordered Col Hobart to Let the selectmen of Amherst have 1000 lbs weight of Powder on Acc^t of the state &^c

Ordered R G to pay D^r Parker 7 4 2 for expences procuring medicines & paying Doct^r Jo Tiltons Bill for Sago Scales Weights &^c

Directions given General Folsom to repair to Portsmouth & regulate the Troops

TUESDAY MAY 27th Ordered the Receiver General to pay Nicholas Nicholle £25, to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Receiver General to pay L^t Joseph Huntoon £30 to enable him to pay Bounty's to Soldiers—he to account for the Money

Ordered the R G to pay four Soldiers as a guard to the Waggon with medicines Six pounds thirteen Shillings & four pence extra milage

WEDNESDAY MAY 28 Ordered Cap^t Giddinge to muster a Soldier belonging to Cap^t Drews Company & return his name to Col^o Baker

Ordered the R Gen^l to pay Ichabod Davis six shillings for making 2 Brass Keys for the Medicine Chests

Ordered the R G to pay Rob^t Light 30/6 for wood & Candles for the Guard at the Goal

Ordered Col^l Moulton to dismiss the Guard of four men placed at the Boars head

Sent to Goal Alexander Boyd one of the New York Prisoners

Sent an ord^r to Dan^l Hoit to appear before the Committee on Fryday next at 10, o'clock A M

Sent to Stratham for W^m Pottle to be bro^t before the Committee this Day but he was gone off.

Wrote to Enoch Coffin Esq^r to send off his Negro who was enlisted into the Continental Army

THURSDAY MAY 29 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Nath^l Giddinge £10 5 to Ballance his accot^r for Transporting one tun powd^r & lead to N: 4

Ordered the R G to pay Doct^r Bracket £179 11 8 for Medicines for the Army at Ticonderoga & Doct^r Parker & Hale

ordered the R G to Let Joseph Huntoon have £30 to pay Bounties to Continental Soldiers for which he is to be Accountable

ordered D^o to pay Nath^l Gordon Five Pound for haling powd^r & lead to Litchfield

ordered D^o to pay Capⁿ Elip^t Giddinge £600 for to pay men he Musters for which he is to Acc^t

FRIDAY MAY 30th 1777—Daniel Hoit before the Committee under Examination for Toryism

Joshua Merrow of Rochester appointed Ensign to Cap^t Rowells Company

SATURDAY MAY 31st 1777—Ordered the R G to pay M^r Thomas Odiorne Nine pounds Two shill^{gs} & Three pence, the Balance of his Acc^{ts} to this day

ordered D^o to pay John Hopkinson £9 6 9 for a p^r of Waggon Wheels &c

JUNE 20th 1777 The following Persons lately appointed a Committee of Safety viz— Meshech Weare Josiah Bartlet, Nicholas Gilman Ebenezer Thompson, John Dudley, Josiah Moulton, John McClary, Nath^l Peabody Jonathan Lovewell, Benjamin Giles, John Wentworth J^r Thomas Odiorne, George Gains,

A Quorum met, and Advised Col^o Weare as Chief Justice of the Superior Court to Liberate John Moore from Confinement on his Recognizing with 2 Sufficient Sureties to appear at the Sup^r Court &c & paying prison Charges

JUNE 27th The Committee appointed Nich^s Gilman & Nath^l Peabody Esq^{rs} to Join Gen^l Prescott in Exam^g a person Confined in the Massachusetts Bay, and Admit said person to be a state Evidence as they see fit

JUNE 30th 1777 a Quorum of the Committee met & had under Consideration Several Matters Referred from the County of Cheshire concerning Persons there Enemy to the Common Cause

JULY 2^d Gave John Taylor Gilman an order to deliver Guns to Sam^l Thing Gilman, & Josiah Barker Jun^r Two Soldiers in Cap^t Robinsons Company

Settled the Staff Roll of Maj^r Timothy Ellis of the Militia of Col^o Ashleys Regem^t who went to Ticonderoga this Spring Amounting to £60 12 1 and ordered the Receiver General to pay the Same

Allowed the Acc^t of Thomas Gilman for the Guard set at the Prison at Exeter from the 24th day of may to the 25th of June 1777 Inclusive amounting to £20 18 0 & ordered the R G to pay the same

Gave orders to John Taylor Gilman to deliver Guns to Bradbury Sinkler Joshua Sinkler, Sam^l Sinkler & Jonathan Judkins and Jonathan Perkins Soldiers in Cap^t Morrills Company

Gave M^r Thom^s Odiorne an order to deliver Henry van Rauseleur Esq^r the 25 Hogsheads of Rum that was Stopped by order of the General Assembly

Ordered the R G to pay the Account of D^r John Crane for Medicens Supplied Col^o Bedels Reg^t amounting to £65 5 1 and £5 15 Interest for said Sum—71 0 1

Gave Nath^l Rogers A parole for 8 days to tarry on his own farm, then to return to prison

JULY 2^d Gave an order to Dispose of Sundry Persons against whom Depositions &c were transmitted from the County of Cheshire Copy on file

Nathaniel Gilman of New Market appointed first Leiu^t in Cap^t Beals Company in the Room of Robert Pike who has Resigned

THURSDAY JULY 3^d—Gave the Prison keeper at Exeter orders to detain in Custody Daniel Spinney a Soldier who deserted &^c

ordered the R G to pay Joseph Stacey £6 14 6 for boarding John Powell in prison

ordered the R G to Let Leiu^t Joseph Huntoon have out of the Treas^y £100 to pay Continental Bounty to men he enlists for which sum he is to be Accoun^{bl}

Let the Select men of Canterbury have 100 Flints & 20^{lb} of Lead gave a permit for the Schooner Mary James Arnold Master to Sail for the West India

James Nichols of Brentwood appointed 2^d Leiu^t in Cap^t James Norris's Company

Received a Letter from Gen^l Schuyler by Express & answered it by the Messenger

wrote to Col^o Stickney to send off all the Militia he possibly can

FRIDAY JULY 4th 1777 ordered the R G to pay L^t James Hopkins the wages due from the this state for service in Cap^t McConnels Company, Col David Gilmans Reg^t to William Burrough, Nathan Whiting Benjamin Robinson, Thomas Goodwin, John Eaton, John Morgan Sam^l Page, Benjamin Nesmith Hugh Watt Moses Watt James Nesmith, William Lyon Thomas McClary John Kincaid, Asa Binly, Said Hopkins having Produced Receipts from said persons Of their having Received their whole wages from him

Ordered the R G to Let Leiu^t Robert Pike have out of the Treas^y £25 to pay Bounties to men he Enlists, for which he is to be Accountable

ordered the Selectmen of Canterbury to deliver each man of their Town who is About to March on the Alarm to Ticonderoga lbs of Gun Powder out of the Barrell they Rec^d of Benj Butler Esq^r taking rec^{ts} of the men to Return the same if not used

Deliv^d the Select men of Canterbury 100 flints & 20 lbs Lead

Ordered the R G to Let John Mills have out of the Treas^y £25 to pay Bounties to men he Enlists for which he is to be Acc^{ble}

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t John Calfe for halling Stores towards Ticonderoga £24 14

SATURDAY JULY 5th 1777—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliphalet Daniel amounting to £151 18 8½

WEDNESDAY JULY 9th 1777. appointed Col^o Thomas Bartlet Muster master of Cap^t. Marstins Company.

Wrote the Committee of Portsmouth respecting the Raleigh &^c

Cap^t Roach returned his flagg or Commission for Carrying M^{rs} Levius & Children to Quebec

THURSDAY. 10th ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Col^o David Gilmans account amounting to five Dollars for Expençe in Sending a man to Exeter to procure the Appintment of a Surgeon to his Rigement

ordered Col^o David Gilman to pay into the Treasury £22 14 1 being part of the Travail money of his Regiment which he receiv'd of Commissary Trumbull

allowed Cap^t Salters pay Roll for his Company for the month of June 1777 amounting to £165 3 4 & ordered the Treasurer to pay the Same

Gave John Taylor Gilman an order to Deliver a Gun to Steven Burley a Soldier in Cap^t Grays Company

Gave orders to Cap^t Samuel Gilman to muster the Comp^y Enlisted by Lieu^t Pike & pinkham & also ordered the Treasurer to let Cap^t Sam^l Gilman Have £324 to pay bountys to Said Company

10th JULY 1777 Sent M^r Joseph Adams Express to Boston with General S^t Clairs Letter, Giving an account of the Evacuation of Ticonderoga &^c

Gave a mitimuss to the Goalkeeper to Confine Robert Fulton in Safe Keeping till further order &^c

Ordered that Leonard whiting have the Liberty of a Safe Chamber in the Goal House till Saturday next on parole for the recovery of His Health (he being very unwell)

JULY 11th 1777. Ordered the Receiver General to pay Ephraim Baldwin Esq^r £3 12 0 for his Expences in Coming Express with Gen^l S^tClairs Letter.

Ordered the Goalkeeper to Bring Peter Green Esq^r before the Committee, for Examination.

the said Peter Green Esq^r was Brought before the Committee and Voluntarily took the Oath of allegiance to this State—and order was given the Goalkeep^r for his Enlargement, he paying all prison Charges

Gave orders to Col Thomas Bartlett to muster Capt Marstons Company and gave him an order on the Treasury for 324 pounds to pay Bounties to the men

Ordered the R. Gen^l to pay Jeremiah Abbot, fifteen pounds to pay bounties to the men he Enlists for Rhod Island for which he is to be Accountable.

JULY 12 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Jacob Treadwell £17⁰ 18 9 for a Q^{ty} of Rice Supply'd Supply Clap Agent Victualler with for the use of the State

SATURDAY JULY 12th 1777. ordered the Rec^t General to pay Lieut Noah Robinson £30 18 9 in full for Cap^t Samuel Blodgets Account for a Suit of Colours for Col^o Hales Regiment of Continental Troops

JULY 14th 1777 The Committee met & had divers matters under Consideration. ordered the R G to pay Col^o Moses Nichols £20 to buy Lead for the state

wrote a Letter to the State of Massachusetts Bay and Agreed to call the General Court together & Accordingly Sent hand Bills to the Members

JULY 15th 1777. Made out an Order and had the same printed & dispersed, Requiring all Officers Civil & Military to take up Deserters and Straglers from the Army & send them to N^o 4

wrote to Col^o Hunt at N^o 4, to supply the Commissary there with Stores for the Continental Soldiers returning to their Corps

Directed Cap^t Isaac Frye, or in his absence Lieut Joseph Huntoon to repair to N^o 4 & there collect & Send forward to their Reg^{ts} all soldiers who have left the Army

Ordered the R G to pay Robert Luist Fowle the Balance of his Acc^t for printing for the State to the 30th of May 1777 amounting to £39 18

JULY 16th Ordered D^r Caleb G Adams to let M^r Aaron Ball have 40^{lb} of Gunpowder for the Town of Newport he having p^d for the same to the Treasurer

Wrote to the Mass^{ts} Council and Sent Col^o Sam^l Folsom Express

ordered the R G to pay the Acc^t of Gen^l Nathaniel Folsom, to John Taylor Gilman—Amounting to £5 10 8 Also to pay the Acc^t of John Taylor Gilman for his Service as one of the Committee on Claims Amounting to £13 16

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Acc^t of David Alld for Assisting to taking Money Makers Amounting to £0 15 8 to Jonth Lovewell Esq^r

ordered D^o to pay Jonathan Lovewells Acc^{ts} for Taking Depositions &c being 16[/]

ordered the R G to pay Joseph Pearson £2 12 7 for his Journey to Watertown Expences &c

ordered the R G to let John Taylor Gilman have out of the Treasury £200 to buy Cloathing for the Army for which he is to be Accountable

Sam^l Trott Settled with the Committee for £100 he had out of the Treasury to Transport Stores to Ticonderoga—and paid the Treasurer £80 16

Peter Clark who Received orders from the Coast to Enlist men returned the orders and paid £50 to the Treasurer which he received from him

ordered the R G to let Mical Hoit have out of the Treas^y £6 to pay a Bounty to a Continental Soldier for which he is to Acc^t

THURSDAY JULY 17th 1777—Ordered the R G to Let Maj^r George Gains have £700 to pay for Guns & Lead for the state

Ordered D^o to pay Francis Epes for going Express to Somersworth 18/

ordered D^o to pay Col^o Moses Nichols the Balance of his Account for Lead purchased for the State £17 10

ordered the R G to Let Maj^r G Gains have out of the Treasury £500 to pay for Lead & Flints at Boston for which he is to be Account^{ble}

Ordered the R G to Let Col^o Jonathan Burnham have out of the Treasury £324 to pay Bounties to men he Musters for which sum he is to be Accountable

MONDAY JULY 21st 1777—The Committee met this day Received several Letters & Answered them

Sent off a Tun of Lead, 500 lb of Balls 1600 Flints and 17 Barrels of Powder to Col^o Hunt at N^o 4

Sent off by N. Nichols a Barrell of Gun Powder—100 Flints—150^{lb} of Lead and 50 Guns for Col^o Chases Reg^t

Sent Tim^{thy} Chamberlin with a Letter to Gen^l Stark & another to Col^o Hunt

Ord^d the R^r General to let Tim^{thy} Chamberlin have £35 to hire Teams for forward^g the Ammunition to N^o 4

TUESDAY JULY 22^d 1777 Ordered the Goal keeper to permit Cap^t Nathaniel Rogers to remove into one of the Porter Chambers & his wife to be with him while he is Sick

Gave orders to Ensign John Eaton to March with what men he has, and to collect what deserters he possible can & Join his Reg^t

ordered the Gaol keeper to Release Rich^d Ellisson he having given Bond taken Oath of Alleg^e &c

ordered Cap^t Dame keeper of the prison in Dover to Notifie the Selectmen of Barre that he had 2 deserters in his care & that if they did not proceed with them Accord^g to the Resolve of their State he would discharge them in 24 hours

WEDNESDAY JULY 23^d 1777 Rec^d Several Letters by Express from Boston & returnd an Answer by the same person

Gave the Prison keeper Mr Ladd orders to Liberate Cap^t Nath^l Rogers on his Signing a Parole drawn by the Comm^e

Sent orders to Co^{ls} Evans, Moulton Bartlet, Gilman M^cClary & L^t Col^l Wentworth to Draft 1/2 their Reg^{ts} & hold them in Readiness at a Minutes warning to March against the Enemy

Ordered the R G^l to pay Noah Emery Jun^r one hundred & forty nine pounds eleaven Shillings & four pence being the Ballance of his acco^t as Commissary & his Loss at Ticonderoga as th acco^{ts}

JULY 23 ordered the R G to pay Lieu^t James Nichols ten pounds for Defraying the Charges of Several Deserters from Exeter to N. 4 on their way to the Army he to be accountable

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Simon Marston have out of the treasury £27 to pay Bounties to men he enlists for which he is to Acc^t

ordered Col^l Gordon Hutchins to let James Martin have the Money he drew out of the Treas^y for Lieu^t Soper to Enlist men

James Martin had Orders to Enlist men for Cap^t Marstons Comp^y in room of L^t Soper who does not accept

THURSDAY JULY 24th ordered the R Gen^l to pay Solomon Whiller the Balance of his Acc^t for public service Amounting to £3 12 4

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Acc^t of Nath^l Peabody Esq^r Amounting to £12 18 1 for Sundry Journeys & Expences on public Bussiness

FRIDAY JULY 25th Ordered the Maritime Officer of the Port of Piscataqua to permit the Schooner Beggars Benison belonging to Jacob Sheafe Jun^r to sail on her Destined Voyage

Sent Orders to Cap^t Salter & Cap^t Daniels for Regulating their Conduct in the Ports—Copy on file

Ordered the R G to let Col^o Josiah Bartlet have £30 out of the Treasury to bear the Expences of the Committee going to Springfield for which he is to Acc^t

SATURDAY JULY 26th 1777. ordered the R G to Let Nich^s Nicolle have 15 Dollars for which s^d Nicolle is to Acc^t by halling Stores

Sent off a Barrell of Powder & 600^{lb} of Lead to Boscawen by Nichols for to be delivered to Col^o Morey

MONDAY JULY 28th 1777—The Committee met & had divers matters under Consideration

TUESDAY JULY 29th Sent off 43 $\frac{1}{2}$ Bushels of salt, 1000^{lb} of Musquet Balls and a Small Barrel of Medicins—by Jedid^h Philbrick to be Deliv^d to Jacob Abbot Esqr at Wilton

Wrote to M^r Commissary Grout & Esqr Abbot

ordered the R G to pay M^r Jedediah Philbrick £25 out of which he is to pay M^r Abbot for haling stores from Wilton to N^o 4

ordered the R Gen^l to pay Joseph Adams his account for a Journey to Boston on Public Buss £4 8 2 to Carry Gen^l S Clairs Letter of the Surrender of Ty

WEDNSDAY JULY 30th Gave Instruction to Col^l Sam^l Follsoms and sent him off to Gen^l Stark at N^o 4—also sent by him 400 flints

ordered the R G to let Col^o Sam^l Folsom have £200 to deliver Col^o Stark

Ordered the R G to Let Col^o Sam^l Folsom have £30 to be Accounted for by him

Wrote a Letter by Col^o Folsom to G Stark

THURSDAY JULY 31st Received by Express from Boston Letters with Acc^t that the Enemies Fleet consisting of 170 Sail. left Sandy Hook the 23^d of July inst^t in Consequence of which Maj^r Gains was sent off to Portsmouth to get things in the best preparation possible

Gave Orders to M^r Cooper to dispose of Blanketts &c

FRIDAY AUG^t 1st R^d several Expresses, Sent off Letters to Several of the Com^o Divers ways

SATURDAY AUG^t 2^d R^d an Express from Gen^l Stark at N^o 4—and wrote to him by s^d Express

Sent off Nich^s Nicolle to Newbury to look after Tin Kettles

ordered the R G to pay E Thompson £1 6 6 for the Expences & horse hire for himself & M^r Wentworth to Portsmouth on public Business

MONDAY AUG^t 4th 1777 Ordered the R G to Let Col^o Supply Clapp have out of the Treas^{ry} £300 to buy Provisions for which he is to be Accountable

ordered the R G to let Nich^s Nicolle have £28 18 6 the Balance of his Acc^t to this day

Ordered the R G to pay Jedediah Philbrook & Tho^s Chellis Eleaven pounds ten Shillings for haling Stores to Wilton for Gen^l Starks Brigade

TUESDAY AUGUST 5th 1777 Ordered the Rec^r G to pay Col^o Joshua Wentworth £32 9 9 for a Hogshead of Sugar dl^d M^r Commissary Leigh

Received a Letter by Express from the Council of Safety of the State of New York enclosing the Copy of a Letter from Gen^l Schuyler

Wrote an Answer by the Bearer

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 5th 1777—Ordered the R G to let Mr Timothy Chamberlin have £2 19 6 to pay him for a Journey to Moultonborough on public Bussiness

ordered the R General Gen^l to Let Timothy Chamberlin have Twenty pounds to buy Tin Kettles at Newbury for which he is to be Accountable

ordered the R G to pay Nathan Weare & Edward Leavit two dollars each to pay their Extra^y expences in Guarding Stores to the Army

Ordered the R. G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Elipt Daniel of his Comp^y of Matrosses Amounting to £138 9 10

Ordered the R G to pay Sam^l Hobart Esq^r Ten pounds Two Shillings for Signing & Numbering money as p^r his Acc^t

Ordered the R General to Let Nich^s Niccolle have £25 to be Accounted for by him in halling Stores to the Army

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Geo Gains two hundred & fifty pounds to buy Shott for the use of the State he to be accountable

MONDAY AUG^t 11th 1777—R^d a Letter by express from Col^o Hunt at N^o 4 & returned an Answer

TUESDAY AUG^t 12th Ordered Col^o Nich^s Gilman to deliver Col Clapp the Corn & Grain in his care belonging to the State, for the use of the Troops at Piscataquay

Re^d a Letter from Gen^l Stark this Morning by Express

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Joseph Simonds Twelve Dollars for a Journey from Hilborough on a Express to Exeter to Bring a Letter bro't to said Hilsboro' by one Ensign Bradford from Gen^l Stark at Manchester

WEDNESDAY AUG^t 13th 1777 ordered the Receiver General to pay Ichabod Shaw Davis Ffteen Pounds for Mending & Cleansing 50 Guns for the State

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter for the Month of July Amounting to &154 6

Ordered D^o to pay Cap^t Titus Salter £8 14 for Expences after Deserters

WEDNESDAY AUG^t 13 1777 ordered the R G to pay Col^l Joseph Senter thirty pounds to be accounted for

THURSDAY AUG^t 14th Sundry Petitions of Prisoners under Consideration and several Person heard on behalf of them

FRIDAY AUG^t 15th 1777. ordered the R G to pay Jon^a Leavit Eight Pounds to pay Bountys to men he Enlists for which he is to Acc^t

ordered D^o to pay Joseph Dow 8 pounds to pay Bounties to men he Enlists for which he is to Acc^t

Ordered the R G^l to pay Theo^s Dam Esq^r one hundred & Seventeen pounds 15/10 being the ballance of his acco^t for boarding N York Prisoners &c

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Ephraim Barker under keeper of the Gaol in Amherst the Sum of Fifty five pounds for Keeping the Prisoners from New York and to be accounted for by Col. Kelley Sheriff of y^e County Hillsborough £55 0

ordered the R G to pay Howard Henderson Seven Pounds Eight Shillings & Three pence for ferriges for upwards of 500 men at Sundry times over Dover Ferry

SATURDAY AUG^t 16th Ordered the R G to pay Tim^o Chamberlain 8 10 to ballance his acco^t of Tin Kittles sent to N 4

Ordered the R G to pay Lemuel Davis £8 4 for mending 41 Continental Arms

MONDAY AUG^s 18 Met & adjourned

19 Application being made by Jn^o Pierce for liberty to Send M^r Fishers Children to New York but the Committee thot not proper at present to grant the request

20 Ordered the R G to pay Rob^t Hunter & James Adams 2 14 3 for bringing Col Hollands Negro to Goal

Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Tim^o Walker Eight pounds Seventeen being the Ballance of his acco^t

Sent orders to the Committee of Portsm^o to Stop Lieu^t Fanning a Person from New York being Suspected as a Spy

Sent orders to the Committee of Dover to make enquiry about a large Number of Oxen lately purchased there

21 Ordered the R G to pay Jon^a Blanchard Esq^r Twenty pounds to be by him accounted for

Ordered the R G to pay W^m Mead Six Shillings for hooping & heading Salt for Gen^l Starks Brigade

order'd the prison keeper to let Joshua Atherton have the Liberty of the yard he procuring Sufficient bondsmen in the Sum of five Hundred pounds and to be under the care of the Guard—this Indulgence is granted on Account of his Very bad State of health

Ordered the R G to pay Simeon Ladd £48 15 9 for making a Drean to the Goal

22^d Settled the Account of Simeon Ladd for Digging Laying and Covering the Drane at the Prison amounting to forty Eight pounds fifteen Shillings and nine pence & Gave order to the Rec^t Gen^l for the payment thereof

23 This Day Col Josiah Bartlet & Col Nath^l Peabody rendered an acco^t of their Journey to Springfield & accounted for £30 Drew out of the Treasury for that Purpose by C. Bartlet

Ordered the R G to pay Col Bartlet & Peabody one Shilling & five pence to Ballance their acco^t of Journey to Springfield—Ordered the R G to pay Col Josiah Bartlet & Col Nath^l Peabody one hundred pounds they to be accountable—they being appointed to proceed immediately to Benuington to Consult the good of our Militia & wounded Soldiers under Gen^l Stark

MONDAY AUG^t 25th 1777 ordered the R G to pay M^r Josiah Crosby £6 16 3 for coming express from Gen^l Stark

TUESDAY AUG^t 26th 1777—Sent orders to the Gaol keeper for him & the Cap^t of Guard to Attend, Nath^l Gove, & Jon^s Saunderson in Gaol to converse with D^r Gove

Wrote to Major Abbot of Wilton one of the Muster Masters in the Continental Troops directing him where any delinquent Towns procured their men to Compleat their Quotas of the Continental troops to pay them the Continental Bounty in Addition to what he payed Others, and to take Enlistments and Transmit them to the Respective Officers

Ordered the R G to let M^r Enoch Page have out of the Treasury £25 to pay Bounties to men he Enlists for which he is to be accountable

WEDNESDAY AUG^t 27th 1777—Wrote to General Stark by the Post.

Settled with Maj^r Cram for 60^{lb} of Gun Powder he Received of Esq^r Butler—and he paid 5 p^t pound to the Treas^r—£15

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of capt Josiah Brown of New Ipswich for his Company of Militia who Marched to Ticonderoga on the Alarm Amounting to £386 7 5—also his Acc^t of £2 10 for Time & Expences to Settle his Roll—Total 388 17 5

THURSDAY AUG^t 28th 1777—Ordered the R G to pay L^t Joseph Huntoon Six Pounds Ten shillings for his Expences & horse hire 2 Journeys to N^o 4 on public Bussiness

FRIDAY AUG^t 29th ordered Col^o Nich^s Gilman to let M^r Simeon Ladd have out of the States Corn in his hands 6 Bushels, which said Ladd is to Acc^t for

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Matthew Thornton the Balance of his Roll & Account amounting to £44 10 6

SATURDAY AUG^t 30th Ordered the R G to Let William Whipple Esq^r have £10 towards his time & Expences at Congress to be Accounted for by him

TUESDAY SEP^t 2^d 1777. ordered Jn^o T Gilman to let Mark Tate a Soldier in Cap^t Carrs Compy Col^o Hales Reg^t have a Gun as he is going to Join his Reg^t having been Sick

Gave a permit to the Brig^r M^cClury Jacob Stacpole Commander to Sail on a Cruise

ordered the Prison Keeper of M^r Ladd to deliver Cato Col^o Hollands Negro Boy to the care of M^r W^m Stinson he paying prison Charges

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 3^d 1777

Wrote to Seth Fogg of Epping to appear before the Committee on Friday next to Answer a Comp^t of his being unfriendly to the American States and gave a Summons to Sam^l Dearborn to call Witnesses before the Committee

Cap^t Atkinson being in Town Cap^t Clough & Cap^t Maloney was bro^t before the Committee & Examined & sent back to Prison

Gave Cap^t Sam^l Atkinson orders to raise men to serve under Gen^l Stark until the last day of Nov^r next unless sooner discharged

THURSDAY SEP^r 4th Settled with Col^o Jonth Burnham Muster Master to Cap^t Joseph Parsons's Company & he paid a Balance of £6 1^d to the Treas^r

Gave orders to Jacob Blasdell to raise men with Enoch Page & Daniel Hoit for a Company to march to R Island &c

Gave orders to Daniel Hoit &c

Ordered the R G to Let Enoch Page have £25—Jacob Blasdell £25— and Daniel Hoit £25, to pay Bounties to men they may Enlist, to be Accounted for Respectively

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Jonth Robinson have £80 to pay his Expences &c to Albany to be Accoun^d for by him

Ord^d D^o to pay Moses Loue £8 10 for 68 Bullet Boxes

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 5th 1777 Ordered the R G to pay Thomas Gilman £8 15 for 35 days hired a Guard for the Gaol

A Complaint being made by the Committee of Epping against Cap^t Seth Fogg who was Represented by them as an Enemy to the Country—The Said Fogg being cited appear^d before the Committee this day, as also the Committee of Epping with Witnesses against him

the Evidence against him being heard, & his Defence, The Committee were of Opinion that said Fogg had Acted Imprudently

and had by Reason of his Violent Passions uttered Several Words unfriendly to the Country which was Different from his True Sentiments at other Times—Therefore The Chairman by Direction of the Committee, Admonished said Fogg and advised him to be very careful in his future Behaviour & thereby convince his Countrymen of his Real Attachment to their Cause

ordered the R G to pay Leiu^t Joseph Dow Seven pounds Ten shillings, due to him for Bounties paid Soldiers, and Eight Pounds Two Shillings being a Doll^r a head for 27 sold^{rs} Enlisted by him—
£15 12

SATURDAY SEP^r 6th 1777—Issued Orders to Col^{os} Wentworth, Evans, Moulton, Gilman, Bartlet & M^c Clary to Draft 1/6 of their men & send them to Bennington &c

Gave Jn^o Tay^r Gilman orders to pay Col^o Senters men Destined for R Island 3^d p^r mile Travel 100 Miles Each

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8th 1777—Gave M^r Ladd Gaol Keeper orders to Liberate John Hickey and Deliver him to Cap^t Marston—Gave orders to Cap^t Marston to conduct him to Boston and deliver him to the Mass^{ts} Council, and wrote to said Council on the Subject

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Marston have 12/6 to find said Hickey diet on the Road

Settled with Leiu^t Jeremiah Abbot for £40 drew out of the Treas^y & he paid the Balance viz 44/ to the Tras^r all^d him a Doll^r p^r head f^r Enlist^g

ordered the R G to pay Ensign James Martin £3 16, a Balance due to him for Bounties p^d 16 men & a Doll^r p^r head for Enlisting

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Joseph Parsons £14 12 Balance for Bounties he p^d to 22 men & a Doll^r p^r head for Enlisting

ord^d the R G to pay Ensⁿ Jonth Leavit £6 12 for Enlis^g 22 men being a Doll^r p^r Head

TUESDAY SEP^t 9th 1777 divers Matters before the Committee & Sundry Letters wrote &c

WEDNESDAY SEP^t 10th 1777 Gave M^r Ladd keeper of the Gaol in Exeter permission to Liberate Joshua Atherton Esqr from Confinement

And Directed Said Atherton to take private Lodging in the thick Settled part of the Town Exeter and to confine himself within 20 Rods of his said Lodging at all times except when he rode abroad agreeable to former Licence

Col^o John Webster bro^t in his Roll of the Men Raised in his Reg^t for Gen^l Starks Brigade and Settled the Same and there was due to him £17 4 which the Treas^r was directed to pay him

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Robert Pike Twenty Three pounds Sixteen Shillings the Balance due to him for Enlisting 41 men at Dollar p^r Head & Bounties paid them

THURSDAY 11 Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Stephen Evans Eleven hundred & Sixty Eight pounds to pay one months advance Wages & Travel for his Soldiers & officers for which he is to be Acc^t

ordered Ditto to pay L^t Col^o Joshua Wentworth £515 for the purposes aboves^d

ordered D^o to let L^t Col^o Thomas Bartlet have out of the Treas^y £610 Pounds to pay Advance Money to the Soldiers raised in Col^o M^cClary Reg^t for to Recruit the Continen^l Army

Ordered the R G to Let Lein^t Col^o Drake have Five Hundred and Fifty Pounds to pay advance Money to men Raised in Col^o Moultons Reg^t to Recruit the Continental Army

ordered D^o to Let Col^o Josiah Bartlet have £780 to pay men Raised in his Reg^t to Rec^r the Continental Army

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter amounting to £133 2

R^d a Letter from the Committee of Plymouth Informing that Several Strangers well dressed had been discovered in a very unfrequented place in the Woods, which they Supposed were engaged in a Bad Design—Wrote to S^d Committee to endeavour to apprehend said Persons, make Search &c

FRIDAY SEPTEMR 12th 1777. Josiah Bartlet & Nathaniel Peabody Esq^{rs} who were appointed a Committee to visit the Northern Army & Rece^d out of the Treas^y £100 to be accounted for. made Report and Returned an Account of their Expence &c & £30 delivred Gen^l Stark which was Accepted, & they paid into the Treasury the Balance in their hands amounting to £31 19 0

ordered the R G to pay Thomas Pinder £4 10 a Bounty as a soldier in Cap^t Parsons's Comp^y & 25/as Travel Money to Rhode Island £5 15^s 0

The Hon^{ble} John Langdon Esq^r having laid before the Committee a Letter from Woodbury Langdon Esq^r who is detained a prisoner at New York, desireing to be Exchanged for Col^o Holland now Confined here after considering said Letter & Request, Resol^d that it cannot be Complied with Col Holland being confined on a prosecution for counterfeiting the Currency and must have a trial in this State

Ordered the R G to pay Jn^o W^d Gilman £22 10 for Casting 3634^{lb} musket Ball at 12/ p^r lb

Ordered the R G to pay Tho^s Gilman £ 22 10 for Casting 3634 lb. musket Ball

appointed Noah Emery Junr Muster Master to the Men Raising in Col^o Nich^s Gilmans Reg^t

ordered the R G to Let Noah Emery Jun^r have £600—to pay advance money to men he Musters as Above

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Sam^l Gilman £225 to pay bounty money to the men he Musters in Cap^t Enoch Pages Company

SATURDAY SEPT^r 13th ordered the R G to Let Col^o Supply Clapp have out of the Treas^y £60 to pay for Provisions for the States use for which he is to be Acc^{ble}

ordered the R G to let M^r Joseph Leigh have £40 towards his wages as Commisary & to be Account^d for by him

Lein^t Col^o Abrah^m Drake of Col Moultons Reg^t is app^d to take the Command of the Regt made up by Detachments from Col^o Wentworths Col^o Moultons & Col^o Bartlets

Ordered the R G to pay Jedediah Jewett £6—for Delivering Stores to our Troops on Hudson River—in the Contin^l Army

SEP^t 18th ordered the R G to Let Nicholas Nicolle at Portsmouth have £30 to be Accounted for by halling Stores to the Army

24th ordered the R G to let Joseph Wheaten have out of the Treasury fifteen Pounds for which sum he is to be Accountable

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 1^d 1777—ordered the Receiver General to let Maj^r Sam^l Philbrick have £600 to procure Provisions for the Army or Troops now going as Volunteers for which he is to be Accountable

Ord^d the R G to Let Col Nath Peabody have £20 for which he is to Acc^t by him &^c in Collecting Evidence ag^t Money Makers

Rob^t Fulton of Londonderry being sent to the Committee by the Com^e of Londonderry charged with being an Enemy to his Country.

After Examination ou the Oath of Allegiance to the State being tendered to him, he took the Same and was ordered to Confine himself to the Town of Londerry

Ord^d the R G to pay Geo^e Gregg £2 18 for bringing R fulton to Exeter

OCTOBER 2^d 1777—Ordered the R G to let Col^o Clapp have one Hundred & fifty pounds to be Accounted for as Agent Victualler

Sent Instructions to Gen^l Whipple Who is gone forward in the service for him to Regulate himself by

Appointed Maj^r Philbrick to go to Keen and provide Stores, for the Soldiers passing there from this person Deal it out &^c—and gave him Instructions Copy on file

ordered Mr Jn^o T Gilman to let Mr Sim^m Ladd have a p^r of Leather Breeches for Rob Holland

ordered the R G to let Mr Thomas Gilman have £176 13 4 to pay his Rolls for the Guard at the Prison to this Day & Candles for the Guard

ordered the Officer at Hampton to Dismiss the Guard at Boars head

OCTOBER 3^d Ordered the R G to pay Simeon Ladd £23 15 3 for Sund^{ry} done in the Gaol

ordered the R G to pay Noah Emery Jun^r £160 4 3 the Balance of his Acc^t for mustering & paying advance wages to men Raised in Col^o Nich^s Gilmans Reg^t for the Continen^l Service

ordered D^o to Let Mr Eph^m Barker have out of the Treasury £60 to Support Prisoners from N Y in Amherst Goal for which he is to be Acc^{ble}

ordered Simeon Ladd Prison keeper to Liberate Cap^t Jeremiah Clough & John Melony from prison they paying prison Charges—also to let Rob^t Fulton have the liberty of the yard he having Given Bonds

SATURDAY OCTOBER 3^d 1777 ordered the R G to pay Moses Lougee £4 4—his Account for Sundrys of Cabinet work for the State

ordered D^o to pay Jacob Hook Esq^r £3 6 for him to pay Abig^l Wright of Brookfield in ye State of Mass^s Bay for her Boarding 4 Weeks when Sick one Jn^o Lary a soldier of Cap^t Clough's Company in Col^o Poors Reg^t in his Return from Gen^l Washingtons Army in the Jersies in Feb^{ry} 1777

Gave Instructions to Commissary Clapp Relating to the Prisoners

Gave orders to the Cap^{ts} Salter and Daniel to keep Guard over the prisoners

gave orders to Simeon Ladd to get a Guard of Eight men on the best terms he can to guard the Gaol 4 to be on duty in the Night and 2 in the day time

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Eben^r Swan 65 14 6 for Sundry Charges of the Prisoners bro^t from N 4.

Col^o Bartlet Settled his Roll of Mustering & paying men Raised in his Reg^t for to Re inforce the Northern Army & went under Col^o Drake & paid the Balance in his hands of £109 to the Treas^r

MONDAY—OCT^r 5th not Members Enough to make a Quorum

TUESDAY OCTOBER 7th ordered the R G to pay D. Fowle his Acc^t for printing Amounting to £17 18

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Francis Blood the Balance of his Account as Commissary to the prisoners from N^o 4 to Portsmouth Amounting to £11 0 11

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8th 1777 Benjamin Hart late of Portsmouth having Arrived there from Newport in a Flagg of Truce, desiring leave to carry away Several Women and Children—the Same was laid before the Committee & leave granted therefor

Gave orders to Sam^l Gilman the 3^d to take the Command of the Guard at the Gaol & perticular Instructions

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9th 1777. Sent an order to M^r William Stinson of Dunbarton to send home to M^{rs} Holland, wife of Col^o Stephen Holland the Negro Boy belonging to s^d Holland and assured him he would not be Consid^d as Account^l for the Negro Conduct after sending him, his Bond Notwithstanding

Odered the Receiver General to let M^r William Gardner have £3000 to enable him to go on with his Bussiness of Clothier in this state for the Continental army—to be paid by him on Demand—he having left as Collateral Security with the Committee a Sett of Bills of Exchange on James Measum Esq Clothier General in Philadelphia. Indorsed by John Langdon Esq^r

wrote to the Committee of Portsmouth to take up & Examin Thomas Grant late from New York & if he appears Suspicious to send him to New York

OCTOBER 10th 1777 Ordered the R G to pay John T Gilman £317 15 the Amount of his Acc^t for Money paid to Col^o Senters Reg^t to Billet them to Rhode Island

Ordered Simⁿ Ladd keeper of the Gaol in Exeter to deliver D^r Gove, & John Holland prisoners in his Custody to Col^o Sam^l Folsom

ordered Col^o Folsom safely to Conduct D^r Gove & John Holland to Dover, & Deliver them to the Care of Theop^s Dame Esq^r

Gave orders to Theophilus Dame Esq^r sheriff of the County of Strafford, to Receive into his Custody D^r Gove & Jn^o Holland & them safely confine in prison &^c also to keep a Guard Each Night of 2 persons at the Gaol in Dover to prevent the prisoners Escape

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th 1777—Gave orders to Col^o Clapp Commissary of Prisoners to Let Canadian Prisoners in his care go into the Country within 30 Miles of Portsmouth under the care of Persons he can trust taking Receipts

Thomas Grant Late from New York being Apprehend^d & bro^t before the Committee with 6—30 Dollar Counterf^t continental Bills—pleaded he did not know they were Counterfeit yet considering the Circumstances the Committee ordered him to pay the Cost being £8 2 6 which he complied with

ordered that Joshua Atherton confine himself to within 10 Rods of his Lodgings, & sent him an order in writing

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 the Committee met & examined Sundry pay Rolls of Gen^l Starks Brigade

ordered the R G to pay Caleb Smith & Ithiel Gorden ninety pounds tow^d haling two loads rum & Sug^r to the Northern Army at Stillwater

OCTOBER 17 ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter amounting to one hundred & thirty pounds twelve Shillings & Eleven pence—Also to pay Cap^t Salter Seven pounds Eight Shillings & three pence for Horse hire & Expence bringing the Prisoners from Keen—132 0 7

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels amounting to one hundred & thirty one pounds fourteen Shillings & three pence

Gave orders to Col Clapp to permit 20 french Prisoners to Enlist on board the Ranger if they incline

OCTOBER 18 Ordered the R G to pay Rob^t Smith & Ju^o Aiken 7 13 4 for 4 Days each expence & horse hire to Boston after Col^o Holland when he was taken

Ordered the Rec^r G to pay Cap^t Ju^o Bradford the amount of his Roll being 461 7 9 who Served under Gen^l Stark in Col^o Moses Nicholls Regiment

Ordered the R G to pay Col Supply Clapp £300 0 as Agent Victuallar of this State he to be accountable

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Daniel Runnells amounting to 563 14 10 who is to pay off his Company—& account for said money

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t James Ford amounting to five hundred & twenty nine pounds & Eight pence who is to pay off his Company

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Jesse Wilson amounting to £264 13 9 who is to pay off his Company & account for s^d Sum accordingly

Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Moses Nicholls ten pounds to be by him accounted for—by his Staff Roll

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Stephen Parker four hundred & Sixty pounds he to be accountable

TUESDAY OCTOBER 22^d Ordered the R G to pay Capt Jeremiah Gilman £477 10 7 being the amount of his Roll he to account for the same by paying off the s^d Roll to the Persons therein named

OCTOB^r 22 Ordered the R G to pay Col Joshua Wentworth one hundred & Sixty one pounds eight Shillings to pay the Ballance of his Muster Roll

Major Samuel Philbrick rendered an Account of his doings as Commissary at Keen, and Accounted for the Money he drew out of the Treasury by paying a Balance of £570 11 8

Note, Maj^r Philbrick advanced 14/ Each to a number of volunteers from Londonderry under Cap^t Finley which they are to Account for

Ordered the R G to pay W^m Elliott £3 10 8 for carriage of Belts worms wrappers &c to the army at Ticonderoga last Spring

OCTOB^r 25 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Jn^o Goss the amount of his Roll being £716 18 3 which he is to account for by paying off the Soldiers therein named

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Jn^o Goss 36/ for the expence of Carrying Jn^o Nevens a Sick Soldier from Manchester to Charleston

Made out Precepts for a New assembly & wrote Letters to the Several Committees appointed to receive the Votes for Councillors

OCT^r 30th Not Members Enough met to make a Quorum

31st ordered the R G to let Simeon Ladd have out of the Treas^y one hundred & Sixty pounds to be Accounted for by him

NOV^r 1st ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Jonth Robinson £1 11 1 the Ballance of his Acc^t for apprehending Col^o Hall

NOVEM^r 13th A war^t Issued from the Committee in Consequence of which Elisha Woodbury was apprehended & Examined & sent to prison

NOVEMB^r 29 1777 Ordered the R G to pay unto Mess^{rs} Blanchard Wentworth & Peabody Esq^s £200 0 they to be accountable

Ordered the R G to pay Matthew Patten Esq^r £4 9 for his acco^t given in

Ordered the R G to pay the acco^t of Dan^l Warner amounting to £4 18 7 to Esq^r Lovewell

Ordered the R Gen^l to pay unto Eph^m Barker Keeper of Amhurst Goal One hundred pounds tow^d the Support of New York prisoners he to be accountable

MONDAY DECEM^r 8th not Members Enough to make a Quorum

TUESDAY DECEM^r 9th Not Members enough to make a Quorum

WEDNESDAY DECEM^r 10th Ordered the R G to pay The Roll of Cap^t Elip^t Daniel for the Month of Novem^r amounting to £111 3—Also his Ration Roll amounting to £100 14 8 Also

his Roll for Additional Wages according to vote of Council & Assembly Amounting to £127 10 1

ordered the R G to pay Thomas Wallace a Soldier of Gen^l Starks Brigade £24 0 6 for his Expences when Sick at Bennington 2 months

ordered the R G to pay Caleb Smith & Ithiel Gordon Each £37 10 for halling Stores to Hudsons River & to Caleb Smith 41/ for additional Loading £77 1 0

ordered the Gaol keeper at Exeter to discharge Cap^t Elisha Woodbury from Gaol he paying prison Charges—he having taken the Oath given Bonds for his Good Behaviour &c

ordered the R G to let John Sanborn have £3 to pay him for his Expences in Collecting Soldiers together

THURSDAY DECEMBER 11th ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Sam^l Gilman y^e 3^d for a Guard at the Gaol in Exeter amount^g to £112 11

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Moses Baker amounting to £255 4 10 he giving Security to pay his Officers & men According to Said Roll

ordered the R G to pay Andrew Aiken a Soldier in Gen^l Starks Brigade and Wounded at the Battle of Bennington £10 10 for his loss of Time & D^{rs} Bill

Ordered the R G to pay 3 Rolls of Cap^t Titus Salters viz the Roll of his Company for the Month of November Amounting to £138 2 his Ration Roll being £78 6 8—his Roll for Additional wages amounting to £167 17 4 as voted by the Gen^l Assembly £394 6 0

ordered the R G to pay Sam^{ll} Emerson Joshua Wentworth & Joseph Gilman Esq^{ts} their Acc^t for Rec^g votes for Councillers &c amounting to £5 6

ordered the R G to pay Sam^{ll} Emerson Esq^t his Acc^t for a Journey to Exeter in Decem^r 1776 to receive & Examine Votes for Councillers amounting to 0 16 0

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Robert Collins for his Company of Volun^tiers amounting to £278 11 8

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Hezekeah Hutchins amounting to £226 2 4

ordered the R G to pay Dr Sam^{ll} Flagg £11 11 6 for Medicines Supplied Col^l Welches Reg^t of Volun^tiers

FRIDAY DECEMBER 12th 1777 Ordered the R^r G to pay John Oneil Adjut^t of Col^o Moores Reg^t of Volun^tiers his Roll for Cap^t John Duncans Amounting to £138 8 6

Ordered the R G to pay the Staff Roll of Col^o Daniel Moore amounting to £103 11 6

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Joseph Finley for his Company of Voluntiers Amounting to £229 19 15

ordered that the Staff Roll of Lieut^t Col Joseph Welsh amounting to £149 5 10 be paid by the Treas^r

order^d the R G to pay the Acc^t of Joseph Lamson for Sundry Services as Constable amount^s to £1 12

ordered John Taylor Gilman to deliver Abner Thurston a Soldier belonging to Cap^t Farwels Company, Co^l Cilleys Reg^t a p^r of Breeches, a p^r of shoes, & a pair of Stockings for which he is to be Accountable

ordered the R G to let M^r Joseph Leigh have £30 to be Accounted for as Commissary

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Capt. Ezekiel Gile for his Company of Voluntier amounting to £358 17 8

ordered the R^t Gen to pay the Roll of L^t Henry Adams amounting to £40—and the Roll of Lien^t Joseph French Amounting to £62 2 1 to Jonathan Lovewell Esq^{rs} 102 21

SATURDAY DECEMBER 13th 1777 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Gilman £18 14 for Attendance in Committee on Claims till Nov^r 14th 1777

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulton 14/ for his Expences in a Journeys to portsmouth on public Bussiness

ordered the R G to Charge the State with his Acc^t amounting to £7 0 6 for Time & Expence to Boston & Concord on public Bussiness

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Peter Clark for his Company in Gen^l Starks Brigade Amounting to £428 14 8—also his Roll for his Company of Voluntiers amounting to £392 9 5—Total £821 4/1

ordered M^r Ladd to keep fires for the Prisoners in Gaol

ordered the Committee of Thornton provide for John Robinsons wife

I Do Solemnly Swear by the great name of y^e everliving God That I will do my Duty as a good Subject of the State of New Hampshire that I will to the utmost of my Power & Ability disclose & make known to some Officer, or Magistrate Acting for and Under the Authority of the United States, or some one of them of all Plots & Conspiraces which I know or may come to my Knowledge against this State or the United States of America, or any one of them as Independant of and & in Opposition to the King of

Great Britain. And that I will not directly or Indirectly Aid, Assist, advise or give Intelligence to any Person or Persons Acting under the Authority of the Said King of Great Britain Relative to his or their endeavouring to bring the United States or any one of them under the Dominion of the Said King—And that I take this Oath without any Mental Reservation or Equivocation whatsoever and Mean honestly and faithfully to perform the same—So help me God

Robert Fulton

John Molony

Jere^h Clough

Account of the days of the Sitting of the Committee of Safety. Commens
October 1777—

	Oct ^r 1 st 1777	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25	30	31	Nov ^r 1
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The day Each to Mr^s Dudley & Thompson on the 5th was set down by order of the Committee for their Extra attendance on Special Bussiness when the Committee were not sitting & Thom^s Odiorne for Shifting 2 hhd^s Sug^r one Day & 2 D^o on acco^{ts}

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Account of the Days of the sitting of the Committee of Safety in recess of
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October	9th	10	11	12	16	17	18	23	24	25	26	27	28	30	31
Hon ^l M Thornton Esq ^r															
Josiah Bartlet Esq ^r															
Col ^o W Whipple Esq ^r	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hon ^l Nath ^l Folsom Esq ^r	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ebenezer Thompson Esq ^r		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Israel Morey Esq ^r															
Sam ^l Ashley Esq ^r															P
Capt Josiah Moulton		P	P		P	P				P	P				P
Rev ^d Sam ^l Webster															
Hon ^l Meshech Wear Esq ^r		P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P
And the Writer -			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P

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Josiah Bartlett Esqr																				order drawn				
Colo Wm Whipple																				order drawn				
Honble Nath ^l Folsom Esqr			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	order drawn for his whole time				
Eben ^r Thompson Esqr			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	order drawn for the whole—				
Istal Morcy Esqr			P																					
Capt Josiah Moulton			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	order drawn				
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Honble Mesh Wear Esqr			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	order drawn				
And the Writer—			P	P			P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P					
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Robert Wilson Esqr	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1							
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6 Josiah Bartlett
Nicholas Gilman
3 Eben Thompson
8 John Dudley
8 Josiah Moulton
8 Nath Peabody
5 George Gann
8 John Wentworth Junr
4 Benjamin Barker
Thomas Osborn
6 Levi Dearborn

Committee Roll January 6th 1778—

Committee of Safety for the State	No Miles	Tuesday Jan'y 6 th 1778	Wednesday 7 th	Thursday 8 th	Friday 9 th	Saturday 10 th	Tuesday 13 th	wednesday 14	thursday 15	friday 16	Saturday 17	Tuesday 20	wednesday 21	thursday 22	Friday 23	Saturday 24	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28	Thursday 29	Friday 30	Saturday 31	Sabbath 1 febr'y	Monday 2	Tuesday 3	Wednesday 4	Thursday 5	Friday 6	Saturday 7	Monday 20 th	Tuesday 21	
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9 Josiah Bartlett		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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36 Jonathan Blanchard		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
18 John Dudley		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
24 John McClary		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
8 Josiah Moulton		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Esqr Dudley allowed also for 1 Sabbath & Monday

Thos Odiorne allowed for 1 Monday when the committee were not here getting out acc

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Committee of Safety for
the State of New Hamp^r
Exeter May 28th 1778.

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In Committee of Safety—at a Session began January 6th 1778—

John Wentworth Jun^r was appointed Clerk of said Committee in the Absence of M^r Secretary Thompson

TUESDAY 6th Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Amount of Theophilus Dame's Acc^t for Guards &c on Jon^a Gove and John Holland late prisoners in Strafford Goal amounting to Sixty One pounds five shillings & four pence

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the ballance of Col^o Sam^l Hunts Acc^t (as Agent Victualler) amounting to £54⁸ 17 3¹/₂

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Samuel Hunt One hundred pounds the said Hunt to be accountable therefor

Ordered the Treasurer to pay D^r Silas Hedges forty Pounds he to be accountable therefor

7th WEDNESDAY Ordered the Keeper of the Goal at Dover to let James Richardson have the liberty of the Yard for the recovery of his health

The Roll of Major Jon^a Child & Fred^k Obrey passed and an Order given on the Treasurer for payment amount^g to £46 15 4

The Staff and Ration Roll of the Officers in Col^o Hobarts & Col^o Moreys Regiments passed & order given for the payment of the ballance thereof to Col^o David Webster being £90 6

the Roll of Cap^t John Willoughby passed and an Order given for payment to Col^o David Webster being £219 3 9

The Account of Major Jon^a Child passed and Order given for payment being £7 8.

Ordered John Taylor Gilman to let James Rundlet a Soldier in Cap^t Norris's Company in Col^o Hale's Regiment have out of the State Store One pair of breeches & one pair of Shoes

Wrote to the Committee of Safety of Londonderry to know if they had Objections to William Vance's coming out of Prison on Bail

Ordered William Gardner Deputy Cloathier to let Josiah Moulton a Soldier of the Company lately commanded by Cap^t Weare in Col^o Scammels Regim^t have a Suit of Cloaths such as is allowed by the Continent

The Roll and Acc^t of Col^o David Webster passed and order for payment on the Treasurer given of the Amount being £247 12 4

Ordered William Gardner Deputy Cloathier to let John Nichols a Soldier in Cap^t Robinsons Company in Col^o Hales Regim^t have a Suit of Cloathes such as is allowed by the Continent

Three Accounts of Col^o Israel Morey passed settled & ballanced

8th THURSDAY Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Tho^s Bartlett Eight pounds One shilling being the ballance of his Muster & pay Roll & Account passed this day

The Muster Roll of Col^o Thomas Bartlet passed & ballanced

The Account of Benjamin Bellows Esq^r for Expresses &c passed and order given on Treasurer for payment being 16 8 6

Drew an Order on Treasurer for Nine hundred sixty Seven pounds fifteen shillings & Eleven Pence to be delivered to Col^o Benjamin Bellows for which Sum the said Bellows is to be accountable

Ordered M^r John Taylor Gilman to deliver to Moses Robard a Continental Soldier in Cap^t Norris Company two shirts & one pair Shoes—and also to deliver to Samuel Ward a Continental Soldier in Cap^t——Company one pair Breeches & One pair Shoes

Sent a Mittimus to Simeon Ladd Deputy Goal Keeper to confine Benjamin Hickcox late an Officer in the Service of the United States and who lately fled to, & joined our Enemies

The Roll & Account of Cap^t Jesse Page passed & order given on the Treasurer for payment of the ballance being 151 11 5

FRYDAY Order'd the Treasurer to pay Deacⁿ Samuel Brooks three pounds being the Am^t of his Acc^t for finding the Council & Committee of Safety a Room firewood & Candles fourteen Days

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Jacob Sheafe Jun^r 89 14.—being the Amount of his Acc^t for Molasses supplied the State this day passed.

Order'd M^r W^m Gardner Deputy Cloathier to let Phinehas Wentworth a Continental Soldier belonging to the Company lately commanded by Cap^t Bell in Col^o Hales Reg^t have a Suit of Cloaths such as is allowed by the Continent

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Daniel Emerson One hundred seventy four pounds Eighteen shillings & four pence being the Amount of his Roll passed this day

Order'd the Treasurer to pay to Cap^t Samuel Dearborn One hundred & twenty pounds to pay bounties to Soldiers going to Rhode Island for which Sum he is to be accountable

SATURDAY gave an Order on the Treasurer for three hundred Pounds to be delivered to Col^o Supply Clap to enable him to purchase Pork & Salt for the State he to be accountable therefor.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Nicholas Nicoll the ballance of his Account this day passed being fifty Six pounds fourteen shillings for carrying Cloathing to the Army

Ordered the R. Gen^l to pay Jn^o T Gilman for two hhd. Sug^r the property of Jon^a Amory of Boston Q^t 22^c 1^a 9^{lb} at £8 £178 12 9

TUESDAY JAN^y 13 Ordered Jn^o Taylor Gilman to deliver Sam^l Ward a Soldier in Cap^t Bells Comp^y 2 Shirts & a p^r Stockens

Ordered D^o to deliver Lemuel Durell a Soldier in Cap^t Rowells Comp^y a p^r Shoes

Ordered Jn^o T Gilman to deliver Nathan Moulten a Soldier in Cap^t Jason Waits Company a p^r Shoes

ordered M^r Thomas Odiorne to repair to Newburyport to purchase Coarse linens & other Cloth Suitable for Shirts, and Coarse wollen goods, Suitable for Overhalls for the Soldiers

Ordered the R G to pay Ensⁿ Dan^l McQuig forty Seven pounds four Shillings & three pence the amount of his Roll passed this Day

Ordered the R G to let Tho^s Odiorne have two hundred & fifty Six pounds Eight Shillings to purchase Cloathing at Newbury for the Soldiers.

WEDNESDAY JAN^y 14 1778 orderd the Rec^r Gen^l To pay Zechariah Fowle Eighty five pounds in full for his Account for paper and printing for the State.

Ordered William Gardner Deputy Cloathier to let John Collins of Cap^t Bells Company, and Richard Sherman of the late Cap^t Beals Company in Col^o Scammells Regiment, each of them have a Suit of Such Cloathing as is alowed By the Continental Congress

THURSDAY JAN^y 15 1778 the Roll of Cap^t Zebulun Gilman passed and an order given on the Treasurer for the payment thereof amounting to £591 5 6

Ordered Jn^o Taylor Gilman to deliver Nathan Moulten a Soldier in Cap^t Waits Company a p^r breeches a pair Stockens & a Shirt

the Roll of Cap^t Nicholas Rawlings was passed and an order Given on the Treasurer for the paym^t thereof amounting to £249 3 8

The Roll of Cap^t Moses Leavitt was passed and an order given him on the Treasurer for the payment thereof amounting to £305 14 2

Gave an ord^r on Treasurer for to pay Cap^t Simon Marston Eleven pounds the ballance of his account Inlisting men for Providence who Served there last Summer

Gave Commissions to Col^l Peabody & his officers going to Providence

Made out an ord^r to Noah Emery Jun^r to call on the Several Captains that were in Col^l Longs Regiment for the money that is in their hands & to pay the same into the Treasury

This Day Settled with Noah Emery Jun^r as Commissary to our 3 Battallions & he paid the Ballance into the Treasury being £324 18 11

Gave orders to R G to pay Thomas Odiorne one hundred & forty two pound being the ballance of his account for Cloathing bo^t at Newbury for the Soldiers

The Ration Roll of the officers in Col^l Drakes Reg^t passed amounting to £110 5 4 & an ord^r given to the Treasurer to pay off the Same to the Persons therein named

FRIDAY JANUARY 16th 1778 Gave Richard Furber an order on the R G for Six pounds 12 shillings for his Doctoring & nursing while Sick at Amherst in the Massachusetts Bay on his Return from the Northern army in Nov^r last being a Soldier in Capt M^cDuffees Company in Col Evans Regiment

Gave an order on the R G to pay Lieut Oliver Morrill the amount of Cap^t Porter Kimbolls Roll being Six hundred & Seventy pounds three Shillings & five pence he giving Security &c

Gave orders to the R G to pay Quarter Master Tho^s Leavit the amount of his acco^t for Settling the Ration Roll in Col Drakes Reg^t being four pounds ten Shillings—at New Windsor & here. Also gave order to pay s^d Tho^s Leavit the amount of his Sauce Roll being One hundred & thirty one pounds fourteen Shillings & Eleven pence

Passed the Roll of Capt Ezra Currier in Col Drakes Reg^t & Gave orders for payment amounting to 230 3 2.

SATURDAY 17th Gave orders to the Treasurer to pay the Ration Roll of Col Evans, Except the Captains, (who are to be made up Separate) amounting to £48 10 8

the account of Noah Emery Esq^r was passed and ordered the R:G to pay him Eighty pounds Eight Shillings and eight pence being the Ballance due on the Same—

Ordered the Treasurer to let Joseph Wheaton have five pounds he to be accountable

TUESDAY JANUARY 20th 1778 Gave orders to Joseph Wheaton to Enlist men for Rhod Island—& gave an order on the R G to pay him forty pounds to pay bounties to the men Enlisted by him—

21—Sundry Soldiers who Diserted from albany bro^t before the Committee this Day & were examin'd Some ordered to pay all the money they rec^d into the Treasury others to pay part & others Dismist for the present

Gave orders to the Goalkeeper to liberate W^m Vance from Goal he haveing given bonds for good behavio^r & to confine himself to his farm

Ordered the R G to pay Rob^t Swanton Q^r Master to Col Evans Regiment four pounds for time Spent in Settling Rolls

21—Passed the Sauce Roll of Col Evans Regiment amounting to £82 11 1¼ & gave orders on the Treasurer for that Sum

22—Ordered Jn^o T Gilman to let James Beal a Soldier in Cap^t Caleb Robinsons Comp^y have 2 Shirts 1 p^r overalls 2 p^r hose & 1 p^r Shoes—And to deliver James Norris a Soldier in Cap^t James Norris s Comp^y have 1 p^r Overalls 1 p^r hose & 1 p^r Shoes & a Shirt

Ordered Jn^o T Gilman to Deliver the two Soldiers above mentioned two Guns to guard M^r Nicholls Waggon to Head Quarters—Also to Deliver Abner Thusten a Soldier in Cap^t Farwells Company a p^r overalls a p^r hose one Shirt a p^r Shoes & a Gun to Join Nicholls Guard

Ordered Treasurer to pay Cap^t Sam^l Dearborn Sixty pounds for Inlisting men for Providence he to be accountable

Ordered Treasurer to pay the Roll of Cap^t Dan^l Rand amounting to £318 19 10

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col Sam^l Folsom Seven pounds two Shillings & five pence being the ballance of his acco^t for Services Done the State

Gave orders On the Treasurer to pay Nicholas Nicholle one hundred pounds tow^d carrying load Stores to the Army & to billet the guard he to be accountable

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Col Jon^a Moulten for a guard at the beach amounting to £53 0 0 also to pay s^d Moulten four pounds four Shillings the ballance Due on his Roll for mustering men rais'd in his Reg^t & march'd for N York in Decemb^r 1776 under Col David Gilman—Also to pay the Roll of s^d Moulten for his Company of Volunteers that march'd to Saratoga to Reinforce Gen^l Gates last fall amounting to £533 15 8

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Lieu^t Reuben Jerold to Maj^r Francis Smith amounting to forty two pounds five Shillings & Six pence they went to Saratoga in September last

JAN^y 24. 1778 SATURDAY order'd the R:G to pay Nicholas Nichole thirty pounds L M^y to be accounted for by Halling Stores to Pennsylvania

Gave licence to Jn^o Langdon Esq^r W^m Gardner & Jn^o T Gilman to purchase necessaries for the Army and Navy

also Directed Sheriff Parker to release M^r Mark Hunk^s Wentworth & family from their Parole heretofore given

Ordered the R G to pay the account of Moses Lounge amounting to fifty four Shilling for making 5 Chests to pack up cloathing going to the army

Gave orders to Col Jos Cilley & Col^l Alex^{dr} Scammell to pay the States bounty of Twenty pounds to each Soldier that has Inlisted into their Regiments for three years or during the war they making the Same Certain to the authority of this State that they have not received it before. Also to pay the said bounty to each Soldier who shall hereafter Inlist as aforesaid & it shall be allowed them on Settling their accounts with the State

Appointed Geo Gains Esq^r to Muster the two Matross Companies at Portsmouth

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Maj^r Francis Smith for going to Ticonderoga last July amonnting to five hundred & nine pounds nineteen Shillings & nine pence he giving Security &c

Sent off Nicholls with a load Cloathing to the Army

TUESDAY JAN^y 27th—the Committee met & rec^d Letters from Gen^l Washington, Gov Cook, Col Hunt &c. Col Center & his Captains appear'd before the Committee to know how they Should make up their Rolls & get their pay

WEDNESDAY 28 Orderd the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Nathan Sanborn who marchd to Saratoga under Col Evans amounting to Eight hundred & thirty Six pounds five Shillings & ten pence

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Sam^l Philbrook for 21 men who march'd tow^d Ticonderoga in July last amounting to forty Six pounds Eight Shilings Col^l Moores Reg^t

Ordered the R G. to pay Tho^s Odiorne his account for making Overalls Shirts breeches & triming &c amounting to £66 10 10 Sent to the Army by Nicholls

Ordered the R G^l to pay Col^l Jos Senter one hundred & fifty pounds to be accounted for by him on Settling his Roll

Maj^r Downing & the Committee of Newington made Complaint against Benj^a Adams Esq^r for Enemical Conduct against the United States of America who was Sumoned to appear before the Com^{tee} Wednesday next

Gave Commission to the Privateer M^cClay & took Bonds according to Resolves of Congress

29 Ordered the R G to pay the ballance of the Rolls of Ensⁿ Francis Warren in Cap^t James Libbeys Company in Col Evans Reg^t amounting to £223 2 4 to Ensⁿ James Warren he giving Security &c

Ordered the R G to pay the Ballance of the Staff Roll of Col Stevens Evans amounting to £160 17—to the Several Persons therein named.

Ordered the R G to pay Ensⁿ Francis Warren in Capt James Libbys Company Col Evans Reg^t £3 15 6 for acting as Lieu^t in the Company after the Captain & Lieu^t Deserted from the 20th of October being one month & 24 Days

FRYDAY JANUARY 30th 1778—Settled Col^o Stephen Evans's Acc^t for money he receiv'd as he Says of M^r Bedlow to pay his Regiment and ballanced the Same

FRYDAY JAN^y 30—Ordered the R G to pay Tho^s Odiorne two pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence for 30½ Doz buttons & thread for 25 p^r overalls & breeches omitted in his account

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Nath^l Ambrose Col Badgers Reg^t who march^d to Saratoga at the taking Gen^l Burgoine amounting to Two hundred & fifty Six pounds & five pence he giving Security &c

SATURDAY 31—Sent a Warrant to Jn^o Packer Esq^r Sheriff of the County of Rockingham to Seize & take into Custody the Brigantine called the Prudence being the property of Rob^t Robertson & Hugh Henderson who have absconded & gone over to our Enemies & to make return of his doings to the Com^{tee} of Gen^l Assembly

TUESDAY FEBY 3^d 1778—The Committee met received a letter from Gen^l Heath desiring the Com^{tee} to send forward under Guard the Tory prisoners who are now in Portsmouth Goal also received a petition from Jn^o Stevens & others &c

4 Benjamin Adams & W^m Pottle who were Summoned to appear before the Committee for Enemical conduct this Day appeared, & after examining evidences, Determined that Benj^a Adams Esq^r take the oath & be dismist, & that W^m Pottle take the oath & pay the Charge of a Warrant Service & evidence being five Dollars

Gave orders to Commissary Grout to deliver provisions to Lieu^t Huntoon for his Rations as he is under the hands of a Surgeon being wounded in the Continental Service

Gave an order on W^m Gardner to deliver Josiah Moulton a Soldier in Lieu^t Wedgwoods Company a Suit of Cloaths also another Suit to Tho^s Prowse a Continental Soldier in the late Cap^t Beals Company

Ordered the R G to pay W^m Appleton thirty Shillings for 7 quire paper when the Court Set at Portsmouth

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels a Matross Company amounting to £79 12 6

Gave a licence to Cap^t Eliph^t Ladd & M^r Jedidiah Jewet to transport to Kennebunk to the Value of 110 bushels of Corn & grain to pay for a Quantity of Salt which they bo^t there in Octob^r last & bro^t into this State & engaged to pay in corn

5 Ordered the R G to pay Rich^d Jourden two hundred pounds for his encouragement to build a paper mill he having given bonds to the Treasurer or his Successor to repay the Same within two years from the Date

Directed Cap^t Eliph^t Giddinge Muster Master to pay Cap^t Amos Morrill the travel money for those men in his Company who have not received their travel money before

Ordered the R G to pay Peter Laberee his account for providing Barracks at N 4 Cooking for the Soldiers, taking Care of French Sick prisoners &c amounting to £7 19

Gave an order on W^m Gardner to deliver Josiah George a Soldier in the late Cap^t Weares Company a Coat and Jacket

By Virtue of a Request from Gen^l Heath the Committee Gave orders to Col^l Clap to Send to Boston the prisoners which were bro^t from Lake George, Also to send with them under guard all the Prisoners taken at Sea either in Publick or private Vessells of war or otherwise

Ordered Cap^t Salter & Daniels & furnish a guard of Six men to guard the above Prisoners to Boston

Ordered Jn^o Taylor Gilman to deliver Josiah George a Soldier in the late Cap^t Weares Company a p^r Shoes 2 p^r hose & 2 Shirts

Appointed Noah Emery Jun^r Muster Master to Col Stephen Peabodys four Companies bound to R Island

Ordered the R G to pay Supply Clap one thousand pounds he to be accountable for the Same

Ordered the R G to pay Lieu^t Joseph Wheaton thirty pounds he to be accountable by Inlisting men for Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Elijah Grout Esq^r ninety five pounds nine Shillings & Six pence half peny being the Ballance of his acco^t as Commissary—also twelve Shillings & nine pence $\frac{1}{2}$ peny for 153 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sheets paper omitted £96 2^s 4^d

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Stephen Parker Col Nicholls Reg^t G^l Starks Brigade thirty two pounds four Shillings & five pence being in full for the ballance of his Roll he having rec^d 460 0 0 the 17th Day of October last in part

Ordered the R G to pay John Taylor three hundred pounds he to be accountable by purchasing Cloathing for the State

6th—Ordered the R G to pay Noah Emery Jun^r three hundred pounds he to account for the Same by Mustering & paying one months wages to men Inlisted for Rhode Island

Jn^o Parker Esq^r made return of the Warrant to him Directed that he had Seized the Brigantine Prudence & the Com^{tee} Gave him further orders to retain her in Custody & appoint some proper Person or Persons to Care of hir

Ordered the R G to pay Col^l Langdon one hundred & twenty pounds fourteen Shillings & Eight pence being the ballance of his account as Member of Congress for this State in the year 1775

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll of Cap^t Josiah Brown in Col^l Enoch Hales Reg^t of Militia who Marchd to Reinforce Ty the 3^d of July amounting to £205 4 2

Gave orders to W^m Gardner to deliver Peter Akerman a Soldier in the late Cap^t Beals Comp^y Col^l Scammells Reg^t Continental Army A Coat & Jacket

Ordered the R G to pay M^r Joseph Leigh Commissary to the Matross Companies at Portsm^o forty two pounds 14/ & 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ being the Ballance of his account to Jan^y 4th 1778

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Moses Leavitt £7 15 his Roll being Short last 10 miles travel of 62 men

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Edmund Bryant Volunteers Col Moores Reg^t who march^d to Saratoga in Septemb^r last amounting to £434 19 4

Ordered the R G to pay Eph^m Barker fifty pounds tow^d board- ing N York Prisoners he to be accountable

7th—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Gershom Drurys Company of Volunteers Col Dan^l Moores Reg^t who march'd to reinforce Gen^l Gates at Saratoga in September last amounting to £145 8 5

MARCH 6th 1778. Wrote to the Committee of Chesterfield, directing them how to conduct with Ebenezer Harvey, Eleazer pomroy & Samuel King

WEDNESDAY MARCH 18th 1778 conferred with Major Samuel Page about enlisting Soldiers

THURSDAY 19th Gave M^r Stephen Hall a Permit to go to Cornwallis in Nova Scotia to bring from thence his family & Effects

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Peter Kimbal Eight Pounds ten shillings & Eight Pence being due to him for Wages as a Soldier &c Soldier in Evans Reg^t

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Major Will^m White £228 14/ to pay continental Soldiers the State bounty &c for which Sum he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Major Simon Marston 810 £ in State Notes to enable him to enlist & hire Continental Soldiers

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Sam^l Cutts Esq Twenty five Pound for the hire of his Warehouse Scales & Weights for one Year

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Noah Lovewell Two Hundred pounds in Notes to enable him to hire Continental Soldiers—to be accountable

Appointed Major Will^m White to muster & pay the State bounty to all Soldiers hired by Col^o Noah Lovewell for completing the Continental Battalions

FRIDAY 20th Gave Leave to portsmouth to establish a Hospital for the small Pox—to under such Regulations as shall be approved of by this Committee

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r Minus Daniels £12 4/ being the Amount of his Account for his Attendance on the General Assembly &c

The Account of Col^o Samuel Hobart exhibited & allow'd and a ballance due thereon to the State £74 17 7—A Memorandum exhibited therewith by which it appears that the Sum of 95 5 6 is due on the Rolls to pay Soldiers part of which is the above ballance now in the hands of said Col^l Hobart

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Moor's Acc^t for carting Powder & Expences amount^g to 13/—

SATURDAY 21st—Wrote to General Poor giving an Acc^t of our Troops raising—& Cloathing & other Necessaries for them

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Deaⁿ Sam^l Brooks Nine pounds twelve shillings being the Am^t of his Acc^t for copying the Acc^t of the Com^{tee} of Supplies

The Account of Cap^t Sam^l Gilman for mustering Cap^t Page's & Cap^t Pike's Companies allow'd & passed

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r Simeon Ladd £237 15 7 being the ballance of his Acc^t for boarding prisoners &c

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Sam^l Trott 4 12/ being the Am^t of his Acc^t for carrying Express to Col^o Morey—Also ordered the Treasurer to pay him five pounds for which said Trott is to be accountable

THURSDAY MARCH 26 1778 Ordered the R G to pay Benja^a Boardman 8 16 6 for going express to Boston to Carry advertisements after Col Stephen Holland

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r John Deane £52 9 8 being in pursuance of a Vote of Council & Assenbly for the Doc^{ts} Bill in boarding &c his Apprentice who was sick & belonged to Col Evan's Regiment returning from the North River

Gave enlisting Orders to M^r Peter Drowne of New Markett to enlist Soldiers to go to Rhode Island

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r Peter Drowne £60—to pay Soldiers bounties who shall enlist to go to Rhode Island—the said Drowne to be accountable for said Sum

Gave Orders to Cap^t Eliphalet Daniels to enlist into his Company one John Ervin

FRYDAY MARCH 27th 1778—Gave Orders for the Proclamation of Congress for a Fast thro' the united States be printed & sent to the several religious Societies in this State—

Ordered Simeon Ladd Goal Keeper to suffer Joshua Boynton to at large—he having recognized for his Appearance at the Superior Court at Amherst by Adjournment on the 1st Tuesday of June next

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Peter Folsom £3 12/ being the Amount of his Account for mending Prison

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Ezekiel Gile One hundred & Eighty Pounds to enable him to pay bounties to Soldiers going to Rhode Island he to be accountable

Ordered Major William White to Muster the Men enlisted by Cap^t Ezekiel Gile to go to Providence

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Major Mark Wiggin £100 to enable him to hire Soldiers to complete continental Battalions for which he is to account

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the board of War £1000 to be by them accounted for

David Foster of Canterbury settled with the Committee of Safety for a Bbl of Powder delivered the Select Men of said Town by Benja^a Butler Esq^r—paid the ballance to the Treasurer being £27 0

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John B^m Hanson £200 in Notes & £200 in Cash to enable him to hire continental Soldiers he to be accountable

SATURDAY MARCH 28th 1778—Wrote to Col^o Clap to get ready his Accounts for Money &c supplied Prisoners &c in order to send forward to Congress

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Samuel Gilman's Roll for a Guard at the prison being £203 2 0

MONDAY MARCH 30 Part of the Committee met but it being Stormy could not make a Com^{tee} to proceed on business

TUESDAY MARCH 31 Gave orders to Lieu^t Ezekiel Worthen to Enlist men for Rhode Island

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Lieu^t Ezekiel Worthen £60 he to be accountable

The Committee made out orders to the Several Colonels in the State to fill up our Battallions with men to be Drafted for nine months according to a Resolve of Congress Just received

APRIL 1 The Com^{tee} Continued to make out orders to the Colonels of the Militia &c

ordered the R G to pay John Slapp thirty Shillings for Carrying orders to the Colonels of Militia & Proclamations for Continental fast.

Ordered the R G to pay James Underwood Jerry Page & Abiel Abbot Esq^{rs} a Com^{tee} appointed to receive Votes for Councillers for two Years last past their account for said Business amounting to £9 12 0

APRIL 2 The Committee this Day proceeded to make out the account against the prisoners which were bro^t into this State according to Resolve of Congress—made them out & Sent them to Portsm^o to go by the Post

Gave a permit to Abraham Knowlton to carry to the Eastward 120 bushels corn

3 Ordered the R G to pay Col Langdon £136 10 for so much advanced to Col Thornton at Baltimore & Philadelphia in two payments & which Col Thornton has Credited in his account as Delegate at Congress

This Day Wrote to Col Peabody to collect his men together & March to Providence as Soon as possible

4 Oredered the Treasurer to pay Maj^r Barker £2 16 for Signing money & mustering Cap^t Wiggins Company as ^{to} his acco^t

Gave orders to Doct^r Silas Hedges to Inlist Continental Soldiers

Issued Orders to Sam^l Johnson to Enlist men for Rhode Island as a Lieu^t in Cap^t Worthens Company

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Ezekiel Worthen £60 to Inlist men for Rhode Island also £90 for Lieu^t Sam^l Johnson & £72 for Ensⁿ Jon^a Leavit they to account for the Same

THURSDAY APRIL 9th 1778 The Committee met this day & rec^d Petitions & returns of Continental Soldiers &c

10 Ordered the R G to pay Col David Webster £2 16 8 for ferriage of his men over Connecticut river which was omitted in two of his Rolls already past

Ordered the R G to pay Col David Webster £600 to Inlist men for the Continental Army

Ordered the R G to pay Col Sam^l Folsom £600 to Inlist men for the Continental Army

Ordered Cap^t Eliph^t Giddinge to muster & pay any men who are Inlisted into the New Hamp^r Batallions for three years or During the war being presented by the Continental officers who are ready to march

Ordered the R G to pay Tho^s Odiorne & 26 0 6 for wood cutting wood, bark, Candles &c for the Council and House of Representatives the Winter past

Ordered the R G to pay Jn^o Parker Esq^r High Sheriff of the County of Rockingham £37 10—for Seizing the Brigantine Prudence & for Capt Parrot 29 Days taking care of Said Brig & for night watching 28^s as 7^p acco^t rendered

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Eliph^t Giddinge Six hundred pounds to pay the bounty to Continental Soldiers

Ordered the R G to pay Col Stephen Peabody £56 5 the amo^t of his Staff Roll for one months advance wages he to account

On hearing the parties from Epping & Sandwich concerning Moses Page a Continental Soldier claimed by each Town as one of their Quota of Continental Soldiers it was Determined that the said Moses Page belongs to Sandwich as one of their Quota of Continental troops

APRIL 11th—Ordered the R G to pay Col Supply Clap one thousand pounds to purchase provision he to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Nath^l Hutchins thirty pounds to pay Continental bounty he to be accountable

MONDAY APRIL 20th 1778 The Committee met according to Adjournment—

Ordered the R G to Let M^r Commissary Leigh have out of the Treasury Forty Pounds for which he is to be Accountable

ordered Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge to pay Henry Stevens Jacob Rice, Alpheus Kingsley, Joseph Wright, Asaph Butler, John Simons, & Stephen Dustin Soldiers in Cap^t Jason Waits Company 20 Dollars Each for their Contin^l Bounty

TUESDAY APRIL 21st 1778 Ordered the R G to let Col^o Samuel Folsom have out of the Treasury Six Hundred pounds to be Accounted for by him

ordered the R G to pay Zachariah Fowle for printing for the State to the 2^d of April In^t £49 13 8

Ordered the R G to let L^t Col^o Noah Lovewell have out of the Treasury Twelve Hundred pounds to hire Soldiers for the Continental Service

Gave Licence to Cap^t Elisha Woodbury to attend the Court of General Sessions of the peace at Portsmouth

Thomas Dearborn of Candia is appointed Lieu^t of Cap^t Ezekiel Worthens Comp^y raising to guard Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to let Cap^t James Norris have £100 to be Repaid by him when called for

MONDAY APRIL 27 1778 The Committee met according to adjournment & ordered the Treasurer to pay Col Josiah Bartlet three hundred pounds to be accountable for

Ordered the R G to pay John Wentworth Jun^r Esq^r three hundred pounds to be accountable for

Ordered that four men enlisted by Col Noah Lovewell Viz^t Jonas Perry, Asa Peirce, Henry Kimbull, & Jn^o Mitchel be set down for Candia as part of their Quota of Continental Soldiers they paying into the Treasury the Sum given them by Col Lovewell being £382 0—& the Charges

28 TUESDAY made out Commissions for Col Stephen Peabodys Officers

Made out Copies for Delagates to Carry to Congress

Ordered the R G to let John Smith Esq^r have out of the Treasury Twenty five pounds to be accountable for

Ordered the R G to pay Lieu^t Jacob Elliot Twenty Eight pounds four Shillings which is for one months advance wages for Cap^t Dan^l Runnells Lieu^t Bracket Towle & Lieu^t Jacob Elliot they to be accountable being officers in Col Stephen Peabodys Reg^t raised for the Defence of Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Sam^l Dearborn out of the Treasury Twenty pounds two Shillings for One months advance wages for himself & one for Lieu^t Jos Wheaton they being officers in Col Stephen Peabodys Reg^t Raised for the defence of Rhode Island to be accountable

Gave a permit to Rebecca Butler wife of Gillam Butler to Depart from this State with her children to Rhode Island or elsewhere

Also gave a permit to Sarah Cockran wife of John Cockran to go to Long Island with her children after having advertised her Departure three weeks Successively in the New Hamp^r Gazettee

Ordered the R G to pay Col Jacob Gale Twenty Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings being for his Wages to New York last fall with Col Drake

Col Abrham Drake Settled for the money which he rec^d at New York to pay off his Reg^t & paid into the Treasury £55 16

MONDAY MAY 4th 1778. made out a Warrant to the Sheriff of the County of Hilsborough to appreh^d and confine in Amherst Gaol John McLaughlin of New Boston

Ordered the R G to pay Solomon Dodge & Jn^o Gregg Seven pounds four Shillings for a Journey from New Boston to enform about Jn^o Mac Glaughlin a money maker

Ordered that four men Inlisted by Col Noah Lovewell viz^t Eben^r Williams, William Wilkins Tho^s Capron & James Siel be sett down for Candia as part of their Quota of Continental Soldiers they paying into the Treasury £398—& the Charges

MAY 4th ordered the R G to pay Mr Jos Leigh £165 5 3 to pay for 27^c 2^{qr} 5^{lb} flour which the State borrowed of Commissary Emerson

MAY 5th 1778 Ordered the R G to let the Board of War have out of the Treasury Three Thousand pounds to be Accounted for by them

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Rob^t Pike four pounds for two months wages for Phineas Dollof one of his Soldiers he being made up in the pay Roll two months Short

6th ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Benjamin Kimball the Sum of Twenty five pounds Ten shillings L m^y for Extra wages allow^d by this State, to James Rider & Sam^l Patten Soldiers in Capt. waits Company in Col^o Cilley Reg^t at 20/ p^r m^o up to Jan^y y^e 1^t 1778. S^d Soldiers not having Rec^d the State bounty £25 10

Ordered the R G to pay John Taylor Gilman £313 16 2 being the ballance of his account with the State for purchasing cloathing &c

Sent by Cap^t Kimbal to the Board of Treasury accounts of monies advanced by the State to the Continental officers

Gave permit to Ansel Crosby to Carry to Cape persue 60 bushels corn one bb Pork & 2 bbs Cyder

ordered the R G to pay E Thompson £7 15 for a Journey to Holderness on public Bussiness

ordered D^o to let Col^o Nath^l peabody have £30 to be Accounted for

Ordered D^o to let Noah Emery Jun^r have two hundred pounds to pay to Soldiers going to Providence he to be accountable—advance wages & travel

MONDAY MAY 11th 1778. Ordered M^r Muster Master Giddinge to muster men listed in the Continental Service for 2 years only & pay them 2 thirds of the State Bounty as p^d 3 years men

made out & deliv^d Commissions to Cap^t Ezekiel Worthen Jun Lieu^t Thomas Dearborn, & L^t Moses Merrill of Col^l Stephen Peabody's Reg^t

ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to let Leiu^t Jonth Leavit have £90 to pay Bounties to men he Enlists for Col^l Stephen Peabody's Reg^t for which he is to Account

13th Ordered R G to pay Noah Emery Jun^r £8 12 for the Use of his Room the two last Courts, fire wood & writing orders to Militia officers

ordered the R G to pay Col^o peirse Long the Balance of his Acc^t amounting to £2 17 9

ordered D^o to let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have £500 to pay bounties to men he passes muster for which he is to Acc^t

ordered D^o to let M^r Joseph Gilman have out of the Treasury £50 for which he is to Account

ordered D^o to pay Timothy Chamberlain £4 16 for service done the state

desired Cap^t B. Stone to pay Josiah Comstock a Soldier in Cap^t Ellis's Company his Continental Bounty he having not received it before & for him to call on Cap^t Ellis therefor

ordered the R G to let Doct^r Silas Hedges have £200 to hire Continental Soldiers he to be accountable

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Dan^l M^cDuffee in Col Evans Reg^t £490 5 5 being the amount of his Roll

MAY 19th ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Ezekiel Worthen £18. for Enlisting 30 men for R Island Service & £20 2 a months advance pay to himself & Lieu^t

MAY 23^d ord^d the R G to Let M^{rs} Peabody and Blanchard have £200 to be Account^d for

28th Committee met and had several Matters under consideration

29th Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Enoch Page the Balance of his Acc^t being £9 8

John Dudly Esq^r p^d into the Treas^y £7 10 in behalf of the parish of Candia to pay for Continen^l soldiers cons^d as their Quota—and Certificate thereof given him

Ordered the Re^r General to pay L^t Col^o Henry Gerrish his Staff Role Amounting to £45 7—also his other Roll for £179 17 10

The Town of Kingstown p^d into the Treas^y £154 for the hire of Two Continental Soldiers, viz Richard Griffen and Jacob Barkhartt, who are to be Esteemed as part of their Quota

Ordered the R G to pay Eliphalet Daniel's 2 Rolls of his Company for the Months of March and April Amounting to £184 8 8

ordered Cap^t Giddinge to pay Geo. Knox a Continen^l Soldier 20 dollars for his Contin^l Bounty

ordered the R G to let Major White have £400 to pay bounties to men he passes Muster for which he is to Account

MAY 29th 1778 Upon Reading & considering the Petition of Hannah Henderson wife of Hugh Henderson late of Portsmouth in Said State now Absconded and gone over to the British Troops at Newport in the State of Rhode Island

Voted that the said Haunah after giving three weeks public Notice thereof and Observing such further Rules & Regulations as shall be directed by the Committee of the Town of Portsmouth have leave with her Family to depart this State & to proceed directly by Land to General Sullivan's head Quarters in said state of Rhode Island in order to Obtain a pass from the commanding officer there to go from thence to Newport afores^d

Col^o Thomas Bartlett Appointed Muster Master to Cap^t Simon Marstons Company in Rhode Island Service

Directed the Board of War to deliver the stores they are about to send forward to our Troops in Gen^l Washingtons Camp to such person who shall be there instructed by this committee to Receive the Same—but in case no such person should arrive there in season to deliver such Stores to Gen^l Poor or his order

Ordered the R G to Let Col^o Thom^s Bartlett have out of the Treasury £144 to muster men Enlisted by Cap^t Marston which he is to acc^t for

ordered the R G to Let General Nath^l Folsom have out of the Treas^y £2184 to send the Militia Col^s to raise men for R Island, to be Accounted for by s^d Col^s

ord^d G Folsom to order the Militia Col^s to Draught 300 men for R Island service

1778 MAY 30th Gave to D Rindge Esq^r & Cap^t Peter Cowes of Portsmouth a permit to bring home from Connecticut any Baggage belonging to them that may be sent from Long Island

upon Complaint being made that John Sheppard, Mathew Thornton & others prisoners in Exeter Gaol had broke out of that apartment in Said Gaol in which they were put, & had endeavour^d to make their Escape—ordered that the Said prisoners be remov^d & put into the Strongest rooms in s^d Gaol—& that Sheppard & Thornton be put in irons—and upon Examination it appear^d that one Hannah Roberson had been Guilty of Conveying Sundry Tools to y^e aforementioned prisoners by means of which they had like to have made their Escape—where upon it was ordered—that the Said Hannah be Committed to Said Exeter Gaol till Dischargd by the Gen^l assembly, or in their recess by the Committee of Safety, or by due Course of Law

MONDAY JUNE Y^e 1st 1778 The members of the Committee & Conferd with M^r Leigh to know what Terms he would under take to Serve as Commissary of issues &c

TUESDAY JUNE 2^d John Dudley Chosen Chairman of the Committee and Nath^l Peabody was appointed Clerk of said Committee—in the absence of M^r Secretary Thompson

Voted that M^r Joseph Leigh be Appointed Commissary to proceed immediately to that part of the Continental army where the Regiments from this State are Station'd—to take Charge of and issue such Stores as may from time to time be Sent there from this State—and that he observe such instructions as he may at any time receive from the General Assembly or in their recess the Committee of Safety—or from the board of war, for this State in regard to any matters Committed to his Charge—and that he be allowed and paid for his Service while in Said business Such wages & other allowances as the Commissary of issues for the other New England States have & receive for Similar Services—and is to account for his Conduct in the premises, from time to time agreeable to his instructions

wrote to the board of War Concerning the appointment of M^r Commissary Leigh—as also Some advice Concerning the stores for the New Hamp^r Troops in the Continental Service a Copy of which is on file

WEDNESDAY 3^d JUNE Voted that Thomas Bickford of Portsmouth be appointed Commissary of the Matross Company Station^d at Portsm^o to Serve in the absence of M^r Leigh

the Committee Confer'd with the board of War

Rec^d Letters from Maj^r G^l Sullivan & L^t Col^l Stephen Peabody dated y^e 30^h ult^o in favor of M^r Robert M^cMurphy being Appointed first Lieut in Capt Dearborns Company in said Peabodys Reg^t

The Committe wrote to Col^o Benj^a Bellows, & Col^o Samuel Ashley—Concerning, the Great want of money in the Treasury—and assured them that if they would advance their own money for paying the Travel, bounty^s; & advance wages to the men to be raised in their respective Reg^{ts} for the Rhode Island Service, they Should be intitl'd to State Notes upon interest from the time they advance the Same, or have y^e money replaced, as they Shall Chuse

WEDNESDAY 3^d OF JUNE 1778—Upon a Request from John Sheppard & Mathew Thornton Prisoners in Exeter Gaol representing that they were unwell & pray'd that they might be releas'd from being hand Cuff'd The Committee Taking the matter under Consideration—voted that the Gaol keeper have liberty to Take Said irons off—and that he examine the Gaol every day so as to prevent said presoners from breaking out, & making their Escape

gave orders to the gaol keeper to bring Hannah Roberson before the Committee—which orders were Compli'd with, and the said Hannah being examined Touching the Cause of her being Committed to Gaol—and it appearing to the Committee that the Said Hannah inadvertently gave the tools refer'd to in her Commitment, to Sheppard—

Therefore ordered the Gaol keeper to discharge y^e said Hannah from Gaol her paying y^e prison fees

Rec^d a Letter from Gov^r Trumbull Concerning the regulation Bill

THURSDAY y^e 4th Order'd the Treasurer & Receiver Gen^l to pay the Roll of Capt. Titus Salter for the Month of march 1778—amounting to Ninety four pounds two shillings—as pass'd this day in Committee £94 2

The Roll of Capt Titus Salter for the month of April last examin'd & allow'd, and order given on the Receiver General to pay the ballance therof being Ninety four pounds £94

The Roll of Capt T. Salter for the month of may last Examined & allow'd and an order given on y^e receiver Gen^l to pay the ballance therof, being fifty Seven pounds Ten shillings & eight pence £57 10 8^d

Ordered the Receiver General to pay to Joseph Leigh late Commissary, of the Matross Company^s, Station'd at Portsmouth, the sum of Thirty five pounds he to Account for the same £35 0

Examined & Settled the account of Capt Josiah Gilman, as one of the Com^{tee} on Claims, & assisting about the Continental accounts and gave an order to the Receiver General for the amount thereof Seventy Six pounds, one shilling £76 1

gave Commissary Leigh a Copy of his appointment with Some instructions a Copy of which is on file

FRIDAY y^e 5th—gave orders, that the wife of John Sheppard have liberty to visit him in Gaol, being properly Search^d

ordered Titus Salter and Eliphel^t Daniels Capt^s of the Matross Companies Stationed at Portsmouth to furnish from their respective Companies, Equally, Such Number of men, not exceeding Six in the whole at any one time, as Shall from time to time, be requested of you, by the Committee appointed to Collect & Secure the Masts belonging to this State, which men are to be at the direction of said Committe

P. M. The Honb^{le} Meshech Weare in the Chair

orderd the Gaol keeper to remove John Sheppard and Matthew Thornton to the room where they formerly were in Said Gaol

ordered the Gaol keeper to bring John Roberson & Levi Warner prisoners in Gaol before this Committe in order for examination pursuant to their petitions requesting the Same and after a full examination of said prisoners the Committe are of Opinion Said prisoners may be liberated from their present Confinment giving bonds in the Sum of Two Hundred pounds each with Sureties payable to the Chairman of this Committe upon y^e usual Condition of liberating such State prisoner

upon reading and Considering the petition of Leonard Whiting, Joshua Atherton and Jon^a Gove prison^{rs} in the Gaol at Amherst in the County of Hillsborough in Said State, praying that they might be liberated &c—

Voted that the Said prisoners be liberated from their present Close Confinement, Provided they Severally recognize before some Justice of y^e peace within and for said County in the Sum of one thousand pounds *each* with two sufficient Surties in the Sum of five hundred pounds each for the use of the Government and people of said State &c—Conditioned that they the Said prisoners Shall personally appear before the Justices of the Superior Court of Judicatu^r next to be Holden by Adjournment, at Amherst within and for said County on Monday the 21st day of September next to Answer to all such matters and things as may then and there be Objected against them on behalf of the Government and people of said State, more Especially on Account of their being Concerned in fabricating Certain false and Counterfeit Notes and bills in imitation of the good and true notes and bills of Credit emitted by the Authority of the late Colony of New Hampsh^r or of the State of New Hampshire, the united States of America or any, or Either of them—and uttering and passing the same false And Counterfeit bills, and notes, and shall do, and receive, abide and perform, the Order and Sentence of said Court Concerning them respectively

and shall not Depart without licence. And shall also Severally give bond, in due form, for the Sum of one thousand pounds each, payable to the Honourable Meshech Weare Chairman of the Committee of Safety, in trust for the use of the Government and people of said State of New Hampshire with two Sufficient Sureties each, Conditioned that they shall be good and faithful Subjects of said State, and remain within the limits of said County of Hillsborough, and shall neither do, or say, anything against the independance of the united States of America, nor in favour of the Claims of the King of Great brittain upon Said States, or either of them—and that they shall not, either directly or indirectly hold Correspondance with, give aid, Assistance, or Comfort to, any, of the Subjects, or Abettors of the said King of Great Britan—for the term of one full Year next Comming

SATURDAY 6th JUNE upon reading & Considering the petition of William Torry of Portsm^o Esqr, as on file, Voted that s^d Torry be permitted to proceed immediately from said portsmouth to a place Called Yarmouth or Cape-Freschu in Nova Scotia—to pursue his lawful business, and Seccure his interest there and to return from thence as soon as may be—and permit given accordingly Inclosed in a letter to the Committe of Portsm^o

M^r Joseph Gilman appointed to repair to the State of the Mass^a bay to obtain knowledge how & in what manner their Continental accounts are Charged, Authenticated & sent forward

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay M^r Joseph Gilman four Hundred pounds he to be accountable for the Same £400

Examined & Settled the account of Col^o Moses Kelly Sheriff of the County of Hillsborough, Concerning the Newyork Tories amounting in all to 715£ 1/6 & ordered the Treasurer and Receiv^r G. to pay the ballance thereof being Thirty pounds one shilling & Six pence, as p^r y^e acc^t on file will appear

Examined & Settled the account Eph^m Barker under Keeper of the Gaol in Amherst, for boarding Jon^a Gove, John Holland, Josh^a Atherton and Leonard Whiting while prisoners in said Gaol & ordered the Receiver Gen to pay the Same being fifty four pounds Eleven shillings & seven pence—as p^r acc^t on file £54 11 7

THURSDAY JUNE 18th 1778 The Committee mett this Day—Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Supply Clap fifteen hundred pounds he to account for the Same

The Com^{tee} gave orders to Col Nicholas Gilman to deliver Col Clap the Corn which M^r Wheeler left in his Store taking his Rec^t for the Same

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r Davenport Phelps Q Mast^r to Col David Hobarts Reg^t £69 16 8 Due to s^d Reg^t for parts of

Rations, Certified by ord^r of Co^l Winship D Com^y Gen^l N Department

Permitted Cap^t Jon^a Dillaway a Prisoner, & a native of Boston to return home

Permitted Cap^t Hugh Hunter a Prisoner, & a Native of Portsmouth to be at liberty about his lawful business

Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels amounting to 94 2 0 to the first of June

Permitted the Schooner Beever Henry Cogin Mast^r to carry to Cape Forsue 70 bush^{ls} corn 4 bb^s Cyder & one bb pork

FRYDAY JUNE 19 1778 Gave a pass to Co^l Gorden Hutchins to go to Virginia

Gave orders to Col Clap to send of the prisoners now at Portsm^o to Providence to be exchanged for our men at New Port

Wrote to Gen^l Sullivan, & to Lieu^t Jon Leavit to take Charge of the Prisoners

The Committee passed a Resolve that no french men be Suffered to go on board Privateers belonging to other States—out of this State

MONDAY JUNE 22^d not members enough to make a Committee

TUESDAY 23^d JUNE The Committee, appointed John Simpson of Deerfield Second Lieu^t in Cap^t Simon Mastin^s Company Lieut Col^l Stephen Peabodys Reg^t for the Rhoad Island Service

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Cap^t Simon Mastin Twelve pounds being one Months advance wages & to be accountable for the same £12—

Ordered the Treasurer & R. G. to pay Leiut John Simpson Eight pounds Two Shillings being one months advance pay—to be accountable There for £8

Appointed Dudley Prescot second Lieu^t of Cap^t Ezekiel Worthens Company

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Noah Worcester £17 0 being the ballance of his account

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24th 1778 Licenced Nathaniel Sherburne of Portsmouth to go with a Flagg of truce to Halifax to carry Necessaries and to endeavour to Effect the Release of prisoners there—And wrote to the commanding Naval Officer at Halifax on the Subject

ordered the R G to pay the Acc^t of Francis Blood amounting to £2 4 0 for holding meetings in Towns by order of Court

TUESDAY JUNE 30th The Committe Confer'd upon Sundry Matters

WEDNESDAY JULY Y^e 1^t ordered that the Receiver Gen^l pay to Ebenezer^r Green Esq. Two hundred pounds for him to deliver to Major Jon^a Child of Lyme to be by him Accounted for as one of the Muster Masters of Continental Soldiers in this State £200

The Committee appointed Robert McMurphy first Lieutenant of Capt Samuel Dearborn^s Company, & L^t Col Stephen Peabody^s Reg^t at Rhoad Island & gave him a Commission

Ordered the Receiver General to pay Said L^t McMurphy Eight pounds Two Shillings being one Months advance pay, he to account for the Same £8 2

Ordered the R G to Pay Noah Emery Esq^r £23 14 9 being the ballance of his account—Settled this day

The Committee upon reading and Considering the petition of Capt Elisha Woodbery of Salem praying to be liberated &c

Voted That a Letter be Sent to the Selectmen & Committee of Said Town Notifying them that Said woodbery was to be heard upon s^d Petition on Thursday y^e 9th instant &c

also gave a permit for Said Woodbery to appear before the Committee at the Time above mentioned

Rec^d a Letter from Col^o Bedell & wrote an answer as on file

Settled the account of Leint Nute & allow^d him £54 for the Continental bounties of Nine Soldiers Inlisted by him & Musterd by Col Baker & Said Nute paid £6 0 to the Receiver Gen^l being the ballance of s^d account £6

THURSDAY JULY 2^d M^r Odiorne laid before the Committee a Letter from M^r Commissary Grout representing that Some of the State beef in his hand was in danger of being lost—&c upon which the Committe directed M^r Odiorne to write M^r Grout desiring him to dispose of Such parts of said Beef as he Shall Judge expedient, for the good of the State, and Account for the proceeds thereof

Examined and Considered the account of Capt Simeon Ladd, and allow'd the ballance thereof being £113 7 0 and gave an order on the Recever Gen^l for the payment thereof

FRYDAY Y^e 3^d OF JULY The Committee Wrote the delegates for this day at Congress as follows viz.
Gentlemen

Many Cogent reasons have determined the minds of the legislative Authority of this State, against further Emissions of money, and to Sink the money already Emitted, which together with the frequent demands for money, and large Sums already advanced on account of the united States, has so far Exhausted our Treasury, that we are under the disagreeable Necessity of

Requesting your assistance in applying to Congress for a Grant of 200,000. Dollars, or Such other Sum of money as may be adjudged Expedient—and Sent on to this State as soon as Such Grant may be Obtain'd By order of the Committee—&c

Transmitted, a Copy of a Resolve of Congress respecting an Embargo upon Provisions &c to the Maretime officers at Portsm^o with directions to observe the Same

Given a Commission to Cap^t Peter Drowne & to Stephen Jones Tho^s as his first Lieu^t and & to Jos Randall as his Second Lieu^t under Col Stephen Peabody at Providence

THURSDAY JULY 9th The Com^{tee} met & gave an ord^r on the Treasurer to pay Col Jos^a Wentworth £180—to pay bounty travel &C to men going to Providen^{ce}

Ordered the R G to let the Board of War have five thousand pounds to be accountable

The Committee Liberated Cap^t Elisha Woodbury from his Confinement to the Town of Salem he having taken the oath of fidelity to the States

10 Appointed a Committee by request of Col Hobart to examine the powder at the powder Mill in order to have it removed to the magazine viz^t Cap^t Josiah Moulten & Col Sam^l Folsom

Ordered the R G to pay Jn^o W^d Gilman 56/ for marking & numbering 112 Continental Arms

Ordered the R G to pay Ichabod Shaw Davis £6 12 for mending 11 Continental Fire Arms

FRYDAY JULY 17th 1778—the Committee met

Received a Letter, by Esq. Clough, from Th^o James Douglas Esq^r Assistant to the purchasing Com^y for the N. D. upon which the Committee issued a recommendation to the people as on file

18th upon reading & Considering y^e petition of Sol^o Rider of Argile gave him a permit to Carry 100. Bushels of Corn to said Argile &c a Copy of which is on file

The Committee, Upon hearing & Considering the Petetion of John Roberson of Thornton, & upon his Giving bond as on file, & Taking & Subscribing the Oath of fidelity to this State, Gave him a permit to Go home & ordered the Goal Keeper to release said Roberson from Confinement

Ordered the Treasurer to let Jn^o Taylor Gilman have out of the Treasury £50 to pay the wounded Soldiers who are allowed half pay, he to be accountable

FRYDAY JULY 24th Settled with Col. Jos^a Wentworth for £180 which he received to pay bounty travel &c to Drafted men going to Providence he paid the ballance being £12 4 to the Treasurer

Order'd the Keeper of the Gaol in Exeter to receive into Custody, & Safe keeping one Joshua Jenness a Deserter for the Continental Army

& ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Leint William Wallis five pounds Two Shilling for his Expences in Taking up & Committing the above Nam'd Joshua Jenness to Gaol £5 2

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to Daniel Hoit Ensign of Capt Enoch Pages Company & Col^o Senters Reg^t for Rodeisland—in y^e year 1777 The Sum of five pounds Twelve shillings the ballance of his account this Day Settled as on file £5 12

Settled the Account of Leint Jacob Blasdel of the above Said Capt Pages Company & Ballanc'd the Same by 32^l. s^d Blasdel paid to the Receiver Gen^l £1 12

Jonathan Hilton, an inlisted Soldier in the afor^sd Capt E. Pages Company, and did not Join the Army—paid the Treasurer & R. G. £7 4 7. being the bounty &c he Rec^d of the State

SATURDAY JULY 25th Upon the Request of M^r Joseph Boy'd of pemaquid, Gave a permit to the maritime officer, to Clean out for y^e Said Boy'd Sixty bushels of Bread Corn it being for the relief of the inhabitants of Said pemaquid

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to Let the board of War for this State have Ten Thousand pounds L. M^y out of the Treasury to be accountable for £10 000

Gave a permit to Abraham Knowlton of Barrington in Nova scocia Gov^t to return home, with his Schooner, he having bro^t in three prisoners who had made their Escape from the Enemy—and bro^t 125. Quintles of fish for the inhabitants of this State also Gave him a permit to Go & bring more fish

The memorial of Doc^r Caleb G. Adams & others Concerning the prisoners Taken from on board the Portsmouth Privateer &c Read & the Memorialist heard thereon

MONDAY JULY 27th 1778 The Committee met on a Special Summons from the Chairman—and spent this day in Considering on Letters Received from Gen^l Sullivan requesting recruits from the State for his Army

TUESDAY JULY 28th 1778 Reassumed the Consideration of Gen^l Sullivans Letters and agreed to send off Col^o Gilman to Rhode Island State to wait on General Sullivan and endeavour to gain some Necessary Information Prior to any Attempt to raise the Militia

MONDAY AUGUST 3^d 1778 The Committee met & Col^o Gilman being returned, it was determined to write to Several of the Militia Col^o viz Wentworth, Evans, Moulton, Gilman Gale M^cClary,

Stickney, Webster, Thornton, Nichols, & Hale, requesting them to raise as many Volunteers as possible and Send them with all Speed to join General Sullivan at Rhode Island, (a Copy on file)

Also wrote to Gen^l Whipple directing him to take the command of the Volunteers &c—received his answer which is on file

ordered the Receiver General to pay the Account of Capt Josiah Moulton for taking care of Powder & other services amounting to Four pounds Two shillings

Gave leave to Dr Gove of New Boston to Visit as a Physician Col^o Rob^t Moore of Londonderry

Ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to pay the Roll of Capt Elip^t Daniel for the Month of June amounting to £93 0 5

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Roll of Capt Elip^t Daniel Amounting to £93 12 for the Month of July

Ordered Mr Clapp Commissary of prisoners to permit one Benjamin Harrington a prisoner at Portsmouth take private lodging on his parole

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 4th 1778 Ordered the Rece^r General to let Maj^r Gains have one hundred & Twenty five pounds to be Accounted for by him

Ordered the R G to pay E Pickerings Acc^t being £1 16

Ordered the R G to Charge the State with 29 9 6 being the amount of his account for a Journey to Providence & Sundry Expresses sent off by the Com^{tee} &c

Gave orders to the Board of war to deliver fire arms to the Volunteers going to Province & take Receipts

AUG^t 22^d the Committee met & wrote to Col^o Bellows about confining Levi Warner

WEDNESDAY AUG^t 26th 1778 The Committee met &c

THURSDAY AUG^t 27th 1778 Gave a Permit to the Schooner Lively Nathan Weston Master to purchase 70 or 80 Bushels of Corn in this State & to carry the Same to Cape pursue in Nova Scotia

Settled & Balanced the Account of Col^o John Hurd he having paid a Balance of £216 1 7 to the Treasurer of this State

Directed the Board of War to keep a Regular Account of the Supplies they may deliver to the Troops at Rhode Island that the same may be laid as Stoppages in the Roles that may hereafter be made up to pay them for their Services at such just & Adequate prices as may hereafter be determined by the General Assembly

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Kensington £170 for the Bounties of 17 men gone from s^d Town as Volunteers to Rhode Island

ordered the R Gen^l to pay Thom^s Bartlett one of the Selectmen of Nottingham £150 for the advance to 15 Volunteers gone from s^d Town to Rhode Island & Interest from the time of advance to the payment if before the first of Jan^{ry} next.

FRIDAY AUG^t 28th 1778 Upon reading the Petition of Several Persons Inhabitants of New Boston, Ordered that the Rev^d Solomon Moore Minister of New Boston Complained of in S^d Petition be cited to appear before the Committee on the 4th of Sep^r next at 3 oClock in the Afternoon to answer s^d Petition

directed the Board of War to sell the flour & Rice belonging to the State at Such Rate as Merchants who deal on honour would sell the same if it was their own private property Reserving 1 Tun of flour & as much Rice as they Judge Necessary for the use of the State

Cap^t Blunt of New Castle appointed to remove A Barrack from fort Hancock to the light house in s^d New Castle

TUESDAY SEPTE^r 1st 1778 The Committee met by a Special Summons from the Chairman in Consequence of a Letter from General Sullivan for a Reinforcement of men at Rhode Island.

permit given to Abraham Knowlton of Barrington in Nova Scotia to sell his Cargo (as Entered at the Maritime office in Portsmouth) buy Corn & proceed home

Ordered the R G to let Cap^t Jn^o Blunt have £50 to enable him to remove a Barrack at New Castle according to Vote of G Assem^{ly} to be Accounted for by him

Ordered the R G to pay Rich^d Jorden £27 for 6 reams of paper for the use of the State

WEDNESDAY SEPT^r 2^d 1778—Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Raymond one Hundred & Seventy Pounds for Advance paid Seventeen men Volunteers to R Island

Sent a Citation to Cap^t Henry Nutter to appear before the Committee to Morrow at 3 oClock P M to answer the Com^t of Cap^t Nathan Weston

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Derryfield £40 for advance to 4 men Volunteers to R Island

Ordered the R G to pay Woodbnry Langdon £65 for his Acc^{ts} for Naval Stores for the State

THURSDAY SEPTE^r 3^d 1778. Ordered the R G to pay John Dudley Esq^r 52/ for the Extra advance pay of the Serj^{ts} Corporals,

and Drummer of Cap^t Joseph Dearborns Comp^y raised for to reinforce the army at Ticonderoga in 1776 & was omitted to be paid at that time by said Dudley as Muster Master.

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Titus Salter Amounting to £65 12 for the month of August

FRIDAY SEP^r 4th Ordered the Board of War to Deliver Col Supply Clap about half tun flour for the use of our Troops at Portsmⁿ

Ordered R G^l to pay Simeon Ladd £100 he to be accountable

ordered the Gaol Keeper at Exeter to Liberate from Confinement John Shepard a Prisoner in his Custody s^d Shepard having given Bond with Sureties to remain in the Town of New Holderness be a Good Subject &c

ordered Ditto to Liberate from Confinement Joshua Jenness a Continental Soldier

Ordered the R G to let John T Gilman have out of the Treas^y £100 to pay prisoners of the United States to be Accounted for by him

SATURDAY SEP^r 5th 1778 Ordered the R G to let Ms^s Blanchard & Peabody agents for the State have Two Hundred & Twenty pounds to be Accounted for

ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Hampton falls £130 for advance to 13 men Voluntiers to R Island & Inter^t from the Advance

ordered the R G to pay the Acc^t of Nath^l Folsom amounting to £244 9 8 for his Service at Congress

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulten 30/ for going express to Portsmouth

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 9th The Committee were summoned together by the Chairman in consequence of a Letter from G Sullivan

THURSDAY SEP^r 10th—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniel for the Month of Septem^r amounting to £76 8 10

Ordered the R G to pay £242 0 11 the Acc^t of the Committee for taking care of New York Tories

Wrote to M^r William Gardner Dy^r Cloth^r for the Contin^t to Let the Board of War have what Cloathing for our Troops they shall request

Gave permit to the Schooner Speedwell Nath Sinkler master to sail to Mechias on a trading Voyage

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of the Parish of Hawke £150 for advance to fifteen Voluntiers to Rhode Island & Interest from the 7th of agust the time of advance

ordered the R G to pay Joseph Mills a Voluntier omitted to be made up in Col^o Moultons Roll £9 3 6

ordered the R G to pay E Thompson for John Layn a Voluntier omitted in Col^o Moultons Roll £8 17 6

12 Ordered the R G to pay Tho^s Bickford forty pounds to be accounted for out of his Wages as Commissary

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Jon^a Moulton £129 5 for advance to 11 men Raised & paid by him for R G in Col^o Peabody's Reg^t and four pounds for his time Expences &c with Interest from time of advance being first of June

Appointed Col^o Nichols, M^r Underwood & Maj^r Chase to take an Inventory, & possession of the Estate of Sarah Lutwyche D^d

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 18th 1778—sent Additional Instructions to the Committee Who were Appointed to take possession of the Estate of the late M^{rs} Lutwyche, to brake Locks &c to get possession of the Goods

Ordered the R G to Discount with the Selectmen of Litchfield £100 out of their Taxes for 10 mens advance paid by them to Voluntiers in the Expedition against Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Daniel Jones £6 7 0 and Peter Folsom £1 16—for repairing Exeter Gaol

Ordered the Re^r G to pay the Selectmen of Epping £330 for Advance to 33 men Voluntiers In the Expedition to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Moses Leavit £113 to ballance his account procuring Continentel Soldiers

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 19th 1778 Ordered the R G to let Col^l Samuel Folsom have out of the Treasury £100 to be Accounted for in his Expences to philadelphia

ordered the R G to Let Col^o Folsom have out of the Treasury all the Bills of the New York Emission to carry there to get exchanged

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 24th 1778 The Committee Met & Settled with Col Peabody for 13 Volunteers Raised in Atkinson for Providence

Ordered the R G to pay Col Nath^l Peabody £130—for 13 Volunteers who marchd from Atkinson to Providence by ord^r from the Selectmen of Atkinson

Upon Complaint made to the Com^{tee} by Nath^l Hovey of Relhan in the County of Grafton that Sundry Persons in said County had with force of Arms on the 2^d of September last Seized his body & imprisoned him & taken & Carried away all his wearing apparel Houshold Goods Provisions &c. the Com^{tee} Issued out a Warrant to apprehend Jn^o Lassel, Nehemiah Eastabrook Nath^l Bicknell Jn^o

Lyman Elias Lyman, Elisha Bingham, Ezra Perkins Benj^d Rowell, Elihu Calley, Timothy Owen Dan^l Owen & Nath^l Storrs & bring them to Exeter to be examined & Dealt with as may seem Just & necessary

Ordered the R G to let Jon^a Blanchard & Nath^l Peabody Esq^{rs} Agents for the State have out of the Treasury £150 0 they to be accountable for the same

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Deering £100 being for ten Volunteers raised to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Providence

Also to pay the Selectmen of Hillsborough £80 for Eight Volunteers to march to Providence as afores^d

Also to pay the Selectmen of Kingston £180 pounds for Eighteen Volunteers who march'd as afores^d

This Day the Committee made an agreement with Col^l Hobart about making powder for the State which agreement is on file

THURSDAY OCTOB^r 1 1778 The Com^{tee} Ordered the Board of Warr to do all in their power forthwith to have the Troops belonging to this State Cloathed according to the Engagements of the State & the Resolves of the Continental Congress that they may receive all deficiencies due to them for the last two years

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Canterbury £140 for fourteen Volunteers who marchd to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r W^m White £122 11 1 being the Ballance of his acco^t for Mustering & paying Continental Soldiers

The Com^{tee} wrote to Col Clap Desiring him to Deliver the Board of Warr a Sufficient number of Suits of Cloaths for the Troops belonging to this State also gave the Board of Warr an order on Col Clap requiring him to Deliver the Same

Received a letter from Gen^l Whipple Signifying his intention to go to Congress & returned an answer

Ordered the R G to let General Whipple have out of the Treasury Six hundred pounds he to be accountable

OCTOB^r 9th 1778 The Com^{tee} met & ordered the R G to pay Jos Abbot esq^r £3 6 0 for apprehending Sam^l Bradford for Counterfeiting money but on trial he was Cleared

Ordered the R G to pay Doct^r Silas Hedges £287 17 being the Ballance of his acco^t for hiring five Continental Soldiers

Ordered the Board of War to Send to our Troops at Providence a Number of Shoes not exceeding 280 p^r also a number of Stockens Sug^r Coffee Chocolate &C

By Virtue of an ord^r from the Com^{tee} on Col Clap the Board of Warr rec^d of Col Clap Some Cloathing, but by a Resolve of Con-

gress Dated last may which the Continental Agent sent the Com^{tee} which forbid the Agent to Deliver any Continental Stores but by orders of Congress—the Com^{tee} tho^t best to write to the Board of War to redeliver said Cloathing

The Com^{tee} appointed Capt Josiah Moulten & Maj^r Philbrook to examine the Powder at the Powder Mill in order to have it removed to the Magazine

Ordered Doct^r Josiah Gilman to deliver Col^o Samuel Hobart 3 small casks Salt Peter now in his possession belonging to this State & all the powder casks

THURSDAY OCTOB^r 15 The Committee met & ordered the Treasurer to pay Gen^l Whipple four hundred pounds he to be accountable £400 0

OCTOB^r 16th Gave order to the Maritime Officer to Clear out Isaac Stanwood for Ipswich with 100 bush^{ls} corn

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Candia £240 0 for 24 Volunteers who march'd to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan

Ordered the Maritime officer to Clear out John Hinkley for Kennebeck River with 31 bush^{ls} corn 6 bush^{ls} potatoes 7 D^o turnips & 1 bush^l beans—Also to permit Minor Daniels Master of the Schooner Peggy & Molly to sail for Machias & to carry 80 bushels corn & 100 bush^l petatoes

Ordered the R G to charge the State with the amount of his account for Summoning the Com^{tee} to meet being £4 18

Settled the account of Cap^t Eliph^t Giddinge for mustering & paying Continental Soldiers Ballance Due to the State £159 14 11 he paid into the Treasury

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Cap^t Titus Salter £59 16 being the amount of his Roll for Septemb^r

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniels amounting to £69 4 for the month of Septemb^r

THURSDAY OCTOB^r 22^d the Com^{tee} met & Permitted Robert Barton to carry 100 bushels corn to Falmouth in Casco Bay

Ordered Col Sam^l Folsom to Deliver the Receiver Gen^l the money he bro^t from Philadelphia being 150 thousand Dollars

Ordered the R G to pay Col Folsom fifteen Dollars for so much he paid for exchanging money in the State of New York

Ordered the R G to pay Jonathan Cilley £17 19 10 for his expences coming from Danbury Express

23^d This Day Col Sam^l Folsom Delivered the Com^{tee} an ord^r on the Loan office of this State for fifty thousand Dollars which he brought from Philadelphia Dated Octob^r 6th 1778

Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Sam^l Philbrook £8 8 0 for transporting 54 barrells powder from the Powder Mill in Exeter to the Magazine

Permitted Cap^t Pearce to Sail for Townsend & to carry 80 bushels corn

Ordered the R G to let the Board of War have out of the Treasury £10,000 they to be accountable

Permitted the Wife of Cap^t Jn^o Frazier to go on board the Flag lately arrived at Portsmouth from N York to attend her husband he being Sick & not to return without a licence from this Com^{tee} or the Gen^l Court

Permitted M^{rs} Ryan to go on board the Flagg to proceed to N York to her husband with her furniture She advertising & paying all Demands

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulten forty Shillings for himself & horse one Day examining and weighing 54 barrells powder

Permitted Ann Fisher with her 4 Children & 2 Servants & Baggage to proceed from Portsm^o to New London in Connecticut to meet her husband Jn^o Fisher Esq^r in ord^r to go to England

NOVEMB^r 2^d 1778 Sam^l Abbott, and Oliver Parker ag^{ts} whom A Warr^t Issued being Apprehended on Suspicion of passing Counterfeit money were Examined before the Committee and committed to prison

Nov^r 5 Ordered the R G to pay Maj^r John Goffe £120 for twelve Volunteers who march'd from Bedford to reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Col Moses Nicholls Three hundred & Thirty pounds for so much advanced to 33 Volunteers who march from Amherst to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Col Moses Kelley £290 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Goffstown to 29 Volunteers who March'd to reinforce Gen Sullivan at Providence

Ordered the R G to pay Jeremiah Page Esq^r one hundred & twenty pounds for so much advanced to 12 Volunteers who marchd from Dunbarton to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Nov^r 7 1778 sent a mittimus to M^r Ladd Goal keeper to Receive into Custody Rich^d Peck of Marlow Suspected of receiving & passing Counterfeit money

10th Ordered the R G to pay James Betton Esq^r Seventy pounds with Interest from 6th of Aug^t last for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Windham to Seven Volunteers who went to Rhode Island to reinforce Gen^l Sullivan

Ordered the R G to pay James Gibson Esq^r £150 with Interest from the 5th of Aug^st last for so much advanced by Selectmen of Pelham to 15 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island to reinforce Gen^l Sullivan

Ordered the R G to pay Joshua Haines Eighty pounds for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Greenland to Eight Volunteers who march'd to reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Nov^r 7 Ordered the R G to pay James Merrill £140 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Poplin to 14 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay James Marden £120 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Barrington to 12 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Jn^o Blunt £130 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Rye to 13 Volunteers who marchd to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Jos Rounsevel Esq^r £60 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Washington to 6 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Stephen Herriman £230 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Hopkinton to 23 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

24th ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Sam^l Shackford £60 0 0 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Newington to Six Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Jos Hobbs £140 0 0 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Northampton to fourteen Volunteers who march'd to reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Benj^a Mann £230 for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Mason to 23 Volunteers who went to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Col^o Jn^o Webster £170, for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Chester to 17 Volunteers to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Jn^o Calef £170, for so much advanced by the Selectmen of Hampstead to 17 Volunteers to Rhode Island

DECEM^r 7th 1778—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t William Lee Amounting to £405 6 8

8 Ordered the R G to pay Col Joshua Wentworth Two hundred & ninety pounds for so much advanced to 29 Volunteers who march'd to Reinforce Gen^l Sullivan at Rhode Island

DECEM^r 8th Ordered the R G to pay the account of Col David Hobart amounting to £12 3, also the acco^t of Jon^a Robins amounting to £36 13 for apprehending & bringing to Exeter from New Holderness Jn^c Tyler a Continental Soldier belonging to Cap^t Benj^a Stones Company

Ordered the R G to pay the Balance of the Account of Col^o Sam^l Folsom Amounting to £138 13 5

WEDNESDAY DECEM^r 9th 1778 Settled and fully adjusted the Account of the Board of War with this State to this day & there remains a Balance due from s^d Board to the State of five Thousand Seven Hundred & forty four pounds Eighteen Shillings & Six pence one farthing £5744 18 6¼

Ordered the R G to Let Cap^t Joseph Traonice a frenchman Express from Canada to Gen^l Gates have Twenty Dollars to bear his expences to Boston

ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Gains the Additional Staff Roll of Col^o Peirce Long Amounting to £46 16

Ordered the R. G to pay John T Gilman £35 2 for 39 days Service in Committee on Claims to this time

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge for Eben^r Smith Esq^r £26 15 2 as a Voluntier to Saratoga—and o 19 4 for Victuals for Deserters apprehended by N Huntoon

Ordered the R G to pay Thomas Odiorne £4 10 for a load of Bark for the Committee

ord^d the R G to pay Sam^l Brooks for Writing out precepts £2

Ordered the R G to pay Simeon Ladd for boarding Prisoners &^c to the 6th Inst £155 2

Also the Roll of Cap^t Salter amounting to £56 19 for November

Ordered the R G to pay Jos Lamson 36/ for Summoning Sunday persons to appear before the Committee

Ordered the R G to pay Ensⁿ Jos Boynton £6 for apprehending and bringing to Exeter Goal two Deserters

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Seabrook £60 for Six Volunteers who marchd to Rhode Island

Ordered the Board of Warr to Deliver M^r Simeon Ladd Goal keeper four blankets for the use of the Soldiers in Goal

Ordered the R G to pay M^r Joseph Gilman two hundred pounds he to be accountable

DECEMB^r 24 Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Nottingham £180 for Eighteen Volunteers to Rhode Island

ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Temple £200 for 20 Voluntiers in the Rhode Island Expedition

DECEMR 25th Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of New Ipswich for Thirty one Voluntiers to Rhode Island £310

Ordered the R G to pay the the Selectmen of Marlborough for 14 Voluntiers to Rhode Island £140

JANUARY 5th 1779 The Committee met—and ordered one John Chandler of Boscawen to deliver to Mary Thornton wife of Matthew Thornton now in Exeter Gaol A Sleigh belonging to said Thornton in his Custody

JANUARY 6th 1779—ordered the Naval Officer to permit one Thomas Leighton of Goldsborough in the State of Mass^{ts} Bay to carry out of the port of Piscataqua 30 Bushels of Corn

Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Titus Salter his Roll amounting to £68 17 4

Ordered the Naval Officer to permit the the Shooner Rachel Isaac Snow master to export for the New Meadows 30 Bushels of Corn & 1000^{lb} of meat

ordered the Treasurer to pay the selectmen of Londonderry Thirty one pounds six Shillings & six pence the expence of said Selectmen in Securing col^o Hollands Estate

JANV 7th Ordered the Receiver General to pay Col^o Joshua Wentworth & Joseph Gilman Committee for receiving votes for the Councillors in the County of Rockingham £8 2

Ordered the Naval Officer at Portsmouth to permit Joseph Wallace to Export for Nauquagus in the State of the Massachusetts Bay 50 Bushels of Corn and Isaac Bunker 14 Bushels for Mount desart

John Clark, John Moore, & William Cox all of Londonderry were bro't before the Committee charged with being concerned in passing aiding, or Abetting persons in passing Counterfeit money, who were heard and the Evidence against them— and were then directed to give Bonds, for their good behaviour & to remain in the s^d Town of Londonderry—and recognize with Sureties to answer at the next Superior Court, & pay Costs to the Committee & Constable of Londonderry—all which was Obeyed & the said persons discharged

JANUARY 8th A Petition from a number of the Inhabitants of the County of Grafton being Exhibited to this Committee, complaining of their being harrassed, by a power usurped in that town not derived from the Authority of New Hampshire, and praying redress—Upon which the Committee passed a Resolve which is on file, and delivered a Copy to M^r Downer who presented the Petition

Ordered the R G to let Col^o Theophilus Dame have out of the Treasury £141 10 as a months Avance pay to himself 2 Serj^{ts} and 15 privates a Matross Company under him

ordered the R G to let Simeon Ladd have out of the Treas^{ry} £200 to be Accounted for by him

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliph^t Daniel amounting to one hundred and forty pounds, Seventeen Shillings & four pence

Ordered the R G to pay the Account of Mr Joseph Gilman for fire wood for the Council and Committee of Safety amounting to £33 10

Ordered the R G to let Col^o Samuel Folsom have out of the Treasury £90 to be Accounted for

SATURDAY JANUARY 9th 1779—Ordered the R G to let Zechariah Fowle have out of the Treasury £100 to be Accounted for by him

gave orders to the Board of War to Instruct the state Commissary to Credit the Officers of the N H Battalions to the amount of three Months wages Exclusive of what he hath Already Advanced

Gave Samuel Folsom a Warrant and sent him to search for Counterfeit money & to Apprehend several persons accusd of passing such Money in the County of Cheshea

Gave order to the Naval Officer to permit Samuel Brenton to land sundry persons Goods at Portsmouth &c

JANUARY 14th 1779 ordered the Receiver General to pay the Selectman of Stratham the Sum of one Hundred & Sixty pounds for So Much advanced by the Said Town to 16 volunteers to Reinforce the army under General Sullivan at Rhode Island

15 Gave an order on the R General to Theophilus Gilman for the Sum of Twenty Two pounds ten Shillings for Loss & Damage to 2 anckors used at Portsmouth about the fire Rafts &c

Ordered Capt^s Salter & Daniels of the Matross Companys at Portsm^o to make Out an Inventory of All the Ordinance & Stores in their keeping & Deliver the Same to the Board of War at their Office in Portsm^o

JAN^y 15th 1779—The Committee Issued orders dated Jan^y y^e 9th to the Several Militia, Colonels to make proper Returns of the men inlisted in & for the Several Towns in their Respective Reg^{ts} for filling up the three Continental Regt Raised in this State—at furtherst by y^e 15th of Feb^y Next

Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to Let the board of war have one Thousand pounds to be by them Accounted for £1000

Col^o Sam^l Folsom Made return of the Warrant Issued y^e 9th instant, in pursuance of which, he having apprehended the bodies

of Annanias Hall of Keene & Jo^e Baxter of Alstead, and Brought them before the Committee for Examination—he also brought Seven 40 Dollar & 1, 20 Dollar Counterfeit Bills—and upon a full Examination of the Matters &^c Charges relative to the said Hall & Baxter—the Committee order'd the Gaol Keeper in Exeter to take & keep in Close Custody the Said Hall—till liberated by the Gen^l Assembly or in their recess by the Committ of Safety or other wise discharged by the due Course of Law—he being Suspected of having been Concern'd in knowingly passing Counterfeit money & other Enemical practices against this & other of the United States

SATURDAY JAN^{ry} 16th 1779 permit given for W^m Vance of Londonderry to Go to Dover, and return home in four days from the time he Sets off therefrom

SATURDAY 16th JAN^{ry} 1779—Order'd Jo^s Badger, Caleb Hodgdon and John B Hanson Esqr^s, Committe &c—for and in behalf of this state, to take into Custody and possession, all the Estate, within the County of Strafford, real & personal belonging to Peter Levius Esq late of Portsm^o Now an Absentee, for Safe Keeping, till y^e further order of y^e Gen^l Assembly or Committee of Safety

M^r John B. Hanson Settled his account and Accounted for £400 he rec^d out of the Treasury and also for £140 which he receiv'd of Otis Baker Esq^r for the purpose of Hiring Cont^l Soldiers

Ordered Eliezer Russell Esq^r Naval officer not to Clear out any Vessel that has either masts or Spars on board

WEDNESDAY JAN^{ry} 20^h 1779 ordered the Board of War to supply the Continental soldiers now in Exeter p^r order of Gen^l Poor with Necessary lodging & provisions untill they shall be Supplied by the Continental Commissary

THURSDAY JAN^{ry} 21st 1779 ordered the R G to let the Board of War have out of the Treas^{ry} five Thousand pounds to be Accounted for by them

ordered the R General to Let Noah Emery Esq^r have out of The Treasury forty pounds to be Accounted for

FRIDAY JAN^{ry} 22^d 1779—ordered the prison keeper at Exeter to Liberate Hannaniah Hall he having recognized With Sureties before the Chief Justice to answer at the superior Court to be held at Keen next

ordered the R G to pay M^r Absolem Kinsbury Twenty Eight pounds nine shillings for his Time & Expences in bringing Simon Baxter, & Benjamin Baxter from Alstead to Exeter

ordered the R General to pay Otis Baker Esq^r 24/ for a Journey to Exeter from Dover on public Bussiness

ordered the Board of War to deliver Col^o Theophilus Dame fifteen firearms for the use of the Matross Company under his command

ordered Thomas Bickford State Commissary at Portsmouth to deliver 8^c 1^a 21^{lb} of flour to the Commissary of the united states to pay for so much borrowed

Settled & Adjusted the Acc^t between Otis Baker Esq^r & the State in full to this Day

SATURDAY JAN^{ry} 23^d 1779 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Samuel Twitchel his Roll for Voluntiers to Rhode Island amounting to £372 9 10

The President with advice of the Committee Gave a Recommendation to Mark Denet Master of the Schooner Greyhound to purchase a load of Corn in some one of the southern States

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Josiah Gilman have £100 to be Accounted for

TUESDAY FEB^{ry} 2^d 1779—ordered the Naval Officer for the port of Piscataquay to let M^r John Murray of Boothbay in the County of Lincoln in the state of Massachusetts Bay Export 120 Bushels of Corn to said place

ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Deerfield ninety pounds for 10[£] Each advance to 9 men Voluntiers in the Rhode Island Expedition

ordered James Underwood Esq^r to pay the Treasurer the Money Collected by him on the sale of Effects of Edward G Lutwyche an Absentee

WEDNESDAY FEB^{ry} 3^d The President being Absent Voted that General Folsom be Chairman P T

ordered the R G to pay William Wallace Constable of Merimack one hundred & Ninety pounds for Advance to 19 men Voluntiers to Rhode Island

ordered the R General to let Leiu^t James Gould of Cap^t House's Company Col^o Cilley's Batallion Who was Wounded in Battle with the Enemy have £200 to be Accounted for by him

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Thomas Bartlett the Balance of his Account Amounting to £5 3 for Expresses sent by him on public Bussiness & for Carrying Ammunition to Portsmouth

Settled & fully adjusted the Acc^t of Thomas Sparhawk for Mustering & paying Continental troops

settled with I^t Col^o Thomas Bartlett for mustering men & he Accounted for £144 he r^d for that purpose

Voted 'That the reasonable Expences of all the Continental officers belonging to this state Expended by them in apprehending deserters from the New Hampshire Batallions in this state shall be paid them out of the Treasury—And all Officers Civil & Military are hereby required to give all Necessary Assistance to said Continental officers in taking up and Securing such deserters

ordered the Board of war to deliver the Selectmen of Nottingham 150 lb of Balls to pay for so much lent by them to the state

Ordered the R G to pay Joseph Slack a Soldier in Cap^t Clayes Company in the Reg^t lately commanded by Col^o Nathan Hale Twenty six pounds for Twenty Six Months wages promised him on his Enlistment in addition to the Continental pay

THURSDAY FEB^{ry} 4th 1779—ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Eliphalet Daniel amounting to £20 10 2 for himself & 4 men 20 days Ending the 20th of Jan^{ry} last

Ordered the R G to pay Samuel Sawyer Nineteen pounds four Shillings for Taffity to make Coulers for Col^o Cilley's Regiment

ordered the R G to let Col^o Supply Clapp as Agent Victualler have £200 to be Accounted for

FRIDAY FEB^{ry} 5th ordered the R G to let Simeon Ladd have out of the Treasury £100 to be Accounted for in boarding prisoners

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Samuel Cunningham for Rhode Island Voluntiers amounting to £584 17

SATURDAY FEB^{ry} 6th 1779—Sent off a packet to Congress

ordered the R G to pay John Fernald £3 for Labour done at Fort Sullivan

TUESDAY FEB^{ry} 16^h 1779 Committee met & had several Matters under Consideration

FEB^{ry} 17th ordered the Naval Officer to permit Gideon Bosoley to export 120 Bushels of Corn to George Town on Kenebeck River

ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay Cap^t Sam^l Cherry £10 for his Account of Expences for apprehending deserters

Ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Lee Fifty pounds for the advance paid by them to five Voluntiers to Rhode Island

ordered the Naval Officer to permit the Schooner Sukey Tristram Pinkham Master to export from this State 100 Bushels of Corn for Goldsborough

FEB^{ry} 18th 1779—ordered the R G to let the Board of war have £5 000 to be Accounted for by them

ordered the R G to pay L^t Joseph Boynton £10 14 for apprehending deserters

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25, 1779 ordered the Treasurer to pay the Selectmen of Rochester one hundred and ninety pounds for 19 Volunteers that went to Rhode Island

FRIDAY FEBRUARY THE 26th orderd the Treasury to Pay the Selectmen of weare Two Hundred & Sixty Pounds for twenty Six Volinteers that went to Rhode Island.

FRIDAY 26th FEB^r 1779. Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay to John Jones £13 16 y^e amount of his acco^t for appreneding James Randal, Robert Rollins Henry Durgin, & Aaron Rollins four Deserters—£13 16

Orderd the Receiver Gen^l to pay to William Twombly fourteen pounds 5/8^d in full of his Acc^t for apprehending W^m Young Edward Burnham John Mitchel, & David Watson four Deserters from y^e Con^l Army £14 5 8

Order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay to Capt Sam^l Atkinson of Boscawen Sixty Pounds to be accountable for £60

SATURDAY FEB^r 27th order'd the Receiver Gen^l to pay to George Peirce Sixty pounds to be accounted for upon Settlement of his Acc^t for Service Done the State £60

Order'd the Naval officer to permit the Sloop Rising States John Wait Master to Export from this State one Hundred Bushels of indian Corn, to Falmouth Mass^a bay

Ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay to M^r Joseph Gilman Twenty pounds Eight Shillings being the amount of his account for Fire wood &c—as on file £20 8

WEDNESDAY MARCH 3th 1779—The Committee Met &c

MARCH 4th—ordered the R G to let Col^l Clapp have £300 to be Accounted for as Agent Victualler

ordered the Naval Officer of the Port of Piscataqua to permit Jonathan Ingersoll of Salem to Export Three Setts of Masts & Yards to s^d Salem for Three Privateers fixing out there

5th—gave permission for Robert Fulton of Londonderry to Collect Evidences to Attend any Causes he hath at the Super^r Court by Adj^t from this Jn^t and the next Court of Gen^l Sessions of the peace for the County of Rockingham

ordered the R G to pay Robert Smith Twenty five pounds & Two pence in full of the Acc^{ts} of the Selectmen of Londonderry

Gave leave to Jane Holland wife of Col^o Stephen Holland to go with her Children & Wearing Apparile & such Necessaries as the Comm^e on Estates of Absentees or either of them think proper to her husband at Newport

6th—Gave a permit to Kieth Spence to Export to Boston 15 Bbls flour & 3 Tierces of Wheat owned by Simon Mayo of S^d Boston &

came to him as an owner in the prize Ship Mary bro't into Portsmouth

Ordered the R G to pay Nich^s Nichols the Balance of his Account due to him from the State amounting to £95 14

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Theophilus Dame amounting to £118 18

ordered D^o to pay Zechariah Fowle the Balance of his Acc^t for printing being £91 11

FRIDAY MARCH 12th 1779 ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Londonderry £200 for advance of £10 each to 20 men Voluntiers in the R Island Expedition

Ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Newtown £50 for advance of £10 Each to five men in the Rhode Island Expedition

MARCH 13th Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Francis Town Fifty pounds for advance of ten pounds Each to five men volunteers in the Rhode Island Expedition

Ordered the Receiver General to pay the Selectmen of Concord Two Hundred & thirty pounds with Intrest from the 5 of August to the last of Decemb^r being for advance to Twenty three men volunteers in the late Rhode Island Expedition

MARCH 15th ordered the R General to pay the Selectmen of Henneker £140 for advance to 14 Voluntiers to Rhode Island

MARCH 16th ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Boscawen one hundred & thirty pounds for so much Advanced to 13 Voluntiers in the Rhode Island Expedition

ordered the R G to pay the Select men of Salisbury one hundred & Eighty pounds for so much advanced to 18 men Voluntiers in the Rhode Island Expedition

MARCH 18th ordered the R G to pay or discount with the selectmen of Northwood £90 for advance to 9 Voluntiers to R Island

ordered the R G to pay the select men of Rindge £340 for advance to 34 men Voluntiers to R Island by the hands of Col^o Enoch Hale—Also £160 for the Selectmen of Jaffrey for advance to 16 men in Ditto

MARCH 19th ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Dublin one hundred pounds for advance of £10 each to 10 men Voluntiers to Rhode Island

Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Wilton £250 for advance to 25 Voluntiers of £10 each in the R Island Expedition

ord^d the R G to pay the select men of pembroke £170 for Ditto for 17 men

MARCH 23^d ordered the Reic^r Gen^l to pay the selectmen of Duxbury farm & Mile Slip £20 for advance to 2 voluntiers in the R Island Expedition

MARCH 27th 1779—Voted that Robert Hill of Madbury be Directed to take into his Custody a Quantity of Corn which is Stored at the House of Jonathan Williams in Durham; and that the Said Hill be Directed to apprehend the said Jonathan Williams and Cap^t — Long who is Said to be Owner of Said Corn (if to be found at Durham) and bring them as Soon as may be before the General Court, or Committee of Safety.—

Voted that Col^o Theophilus Dame be Directed to take into his possession A Small Vessel if within piscataqua Harbour. belonging to or in possession of Cap^t — Long and her Safely Keep untill further order

MARCH 31th 1779 Ordered the R G to pay or discount with the selectmen of Dover £130 for so much Advanced by them to 13 Voluntiers in the Rhode Island Expedition

APRIL 3 1779 ordered the R. G to pay the Select Men of Rinde £10 for So much advanced by them to Thaddeus Fitch a Voluntier in the Rhode Island Expedition

EXETER APRIL 7th 1779—Committee of Safety Met

The Hon^l Meshech Weare absent appointed the Hon^l Nathaniel Folsom Esq^r Chairman Pro Tempore Appointed Samuel Hobart Clerk of s^d Com^{tee} in the absence of M^r Secretary Thompson

APRIL 7th Ordered the Naval Officer to permitt the Schooner Lively, Thomas Prince Master to Export from this State One hundred bushells of Indian Corn, & about Seventy bushell of Potatoes, to Pownalborough

8 Order'd the Naval Officer to permitt Col^o William Jones to Export from this State Seventy Bushels of Indian Corn & about 10 Bushels Potatoes to Bristol State Massachusetts Bay

order'd the Naval Officer to permitt M^r Reuben Freeman to Export Forty two Bushels of Indian Corn & about 20 Bushell Potatoes from this State, to Bristol, State of the Massachusetts Bay

Ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to pay the Board of War Ten Thousand pounds to be by them accounted for

ordered the Naval Officer to permitt M^r Thomas Farr to Export fifty bushell Indian Corn to Harpswell, State of the Massachusetts Bay

Ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to pay Supply Clap Esq^r Agent Victual-ler Five hundred pounds, to be by him accounted, for

Proportion'd the 600 Men to be raised to fill up the 3 Battals^s belonging to this State in the Continental Army, among the Several Regiments

FRYDAY Ap^l 9th 1779 gave a permitt to Abigail Robertson wife of Robert Robertson, to cross to Rhode Island, by the most convenient way by land or water to her husband, with her Children & wearing apparrell & such Necessaries as the Com^{tee} on the Estates of Absentees or either of them think proper

Ordered the Naval Officer at Portsmouth to permit Benjamin Spurling to Export from this State for Goldsborough in the State of Massachusetts Bay 35 Bushels of Corn and 20 Bushels of Potatoes

ordered the Naval Officer for the Port of Piscataqua to permit the Ship Mary to Export 12 masts of not more than 19 Inches Diameter for Teneriffe

took into Consideration the Petition of John McLaughlin a Prisoner in Amherst Goal, & gave liberty to the Sheriff to Liberate him upon Bonds, with two Sufficient Sureties in the sum of £500, each, to appear at the next Sup^r Court Amherst, & wrote to Col^o Kelly upon the matter

took into Consider^a a letter from Col^o Nichols & a^l, as Com^{tee} on the Estates of Absentees—respecting the income, or improvem^t of Sundry Estates in the County of Hillsbor^o—wrote to them & Sent two Copy's of an Act Enabling Select Men to take charge of such Estates

Ordered Recv^t Gen^l to pay Cap^t William Rowel £5 14 0 for apprehend^g Stephen Muder Benj^a Dockum & Benj^a Smart deserters from the Cont^l Army

Order'd Rec^r Gen^l to pay Moses Blake £3 5 7 for apprehend^g Jn^o Smith Sanborn a Deserter from Cont^l Army

APRIL 10th 1779—Ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Fitz William £100 for advance to 10 Voluntiers in the R Island Expedition

Ap^l 22^d 1779 orderd the Re G^l to pay the Select Men of Chichester £50, for advance to 5 Volunteers in the R Island Expedition

Ordered the Naval officer to permitt M^r Edward Higgins to Export 13 Bushel Indian Corn & 25 Bushel Potatoes, to Cape Ann State M Bay

Order'd the R G to pay to Ambrose Coal a Soldier in Cap^t Karris Comp^y & Col^o Reids Reg^t Con^{tl} Army, £28, in full for his Additional pay, of 20^s p^r M^o from the 1st day of Jan^y 1777 to the first day of May 1779

APRIL 23^d 1779 Exam^d an acco^t of Col^o Joseph Cilley for State Bounties paid to Soldiers, viz^t Gilbert Caswell Michael Silke Sam^l Caldwell Ju^o Wallace W^m Hewitt John Mathies & James Doud, being in the whole one hundred & forty pound, which sum is to be allowed to him in the settlem^t of his acco^t with the State—

Orderd the R Gen^l to pay to Col^o Cilley, his acco^t for apprehending & bringing to Exeter Nicholas Leathers & James M^cDaniel, Twenty Seven pounds three shill^g

Orderd the Naval officer to permitt Alexd^r Greenlow to export 40 B^l Indian Corn & 40 Bush^l Potatos, to Deer Island

APRIL 23^d 1779 Orderd the Naval officer to permitt M^r Samuel Pierce to export, 30 Bush^l Indian Corn & 20 Bush^l Potatos to Booth Bay

Orderd the Naval Officer to pirmitt M^r Stephen Richardson to export from this State 50 Bushel Corn & 15 Bush^l Potatos, to Mount Desert

Ordered Col^o Theophilus Dame to Enlist one Subaltern at 60 Dollars p^r month and one Ration p^r Day also three Serjeants at fifty Dollars p^r month and thirty Six privates at forty five Dollars p^r month to Serve until the Last day of Decem^r unless Sooner Discharged

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Col^o Theop^s Dame of matrosses for the month of March amounting to one Hundred forty two pounds ten Shillings

Order'd John Parker Esq^r Sheriff of the County of Rockingham to put in readiness for Sailing, the Flag that came from N York, detain'd last fall by order of the Gen^l Assembly, now in his Custody in order for their returne again

Orderd the Naval Officer to pirmitt M^r John Robinson to Export from this State, 12 Bushell Indian Corn & 5 Bush Potatos, to Blew Hill Bay

Orderd the Naval officer to permitt M^r Solomon Burnham to export from this State to Booth Bay 30 Bush^l Corn one Bush^l Beans one Bush^l Flax seed 3 Bush^l Barley & 35 Bush^l Potatos

APRIL 23^d 1779 Orderd the R G to pay the Select Men of Peterborough £210—for advance to 21 Voluntiers in Rhode Island Expedition—

took into Consideration the Petition of James Fleming & Wife praying for liberty to tarry in this State, Orderd to lay for further Consider^a—

Gave sundry orders to officers for the allowance made them, by the Gen^l Assembly at their late Session, & enterd them on the Councel Book

APRIL 24th Orderd R Gen^l, to pay Hannah Light, wife of L^t Ebenezer Light in the Cont^l Army, 280 Dollars being the one half of what the Court allow'd Lieutenants according to their Resolve of 26th March last

Ordered the R G to pay Simeon Ladd £3 0 0 for Apprehend^s & Securing John Powel a Deserter,

Orderd the R G to pay to Simeon Ladd 293 7 5 being the Ballance of his acco^t Settled this Day—as on file—

APRIL 28 Orderd the Naval officer to Permitt Cap^t John Waite to Export from this State 130 Bush^l Indian Corn 1 Barrel Wheat & about 20 Bush^l Potatos, to Falm^o Casco bay State of Mass^{ts} Bay—

Order'd the R G to pay to Cap^t Ebenezer Green of Lime £150, he giving security to repay the same into the Treasury when Calld for

MAY 3^d 1779—Reuben Roberts Soldier in the Cont^l Army belong^s to New Markett, Complains—that the Select Men Neglect & refuse to Supply his Family with Necessarys &c agreeable to Resolves of Council & Assembly—Wrote to the Select Men upon y^e Subject

Orderd the Naval Officer to permitt M^r James Johnson to export from this State 180 Bushell Indian Corn about 30 Bush^l Potatos & a few Beans & some Meat to Casco Bay, Falm^o State M B

Gave Sundry orders to officers to Receive their allowance made them by the Gen^l assembly at their late Session

The Com^{tee} took into Consider^a a Compl^t of an Indian, that some person at Portsm^o had detain'd his Son, or had perswaded his son to go there & leave his Father—wrote a letter, & sent a Man to Portsm^o, to Jacob Treadwell Esq^r—it being represented that the Lad was with him—desir^s him to Send him up to his Father at Exeter

MAY 4th Orderd the R G to pay to Col^o Nath^l Peabody £1000 for which he is to be accountable

Gave a pass to William Baxter to go from hence to Alstead, in this State & to returne againe in 20 Days

MAY 13th 1779 gave a Permitt to Mary Ann Pepperrell wife of Andrew Pepperrell Esq^r to pass from Portsm^o to New York to her husband, by way of Kings Bridge, & to Carry with her her wearing apparrell & such Necessarys as the Com^{tee} on Estates of Absentees, or either of them, shall Think proper—She having Petition'd for Liberty to go there—

Gave a Permitt to John Sparhawk Esq^r to pass to the lines at Kings Bridge in the State of N York to Conduct M^{rs} Mary Ann Pepperrell to her husband & to returne again as soon as may be

MAY 14th 1779 orderd the Naval officer to Permitt—Witham to Export from this State 80 Bushell Indian Corn & 30 Bush^l Potatos, & abt one Barrel Pork to Cape Ann State Mass^s Bay

Ballanced & Settled the acco^t of Col^o Daniel Moore, for Muster^s & paying Men Raised for the Expedition to R Island in 1778—a Ballance in his hands of £67 16 4 which he p^d into the Treasury

Ballanced & Settled the acco^t of Cap^t Josiah Gilman for his Service as one of the Com^{tee} on Claims, a Ballance being due to him of £101 12 0 Orderd the R G to pay the same to him—

Col^o Nathaniel Peabody lodged Receipts with the Committee from Several of the Militia Col^{os} amounting to Thirteen hundred and fifty Seven pounds one shilling for money drawn out of the Treasury by Gen^l Folsom & delivered Said Peabody as Adj^t Gen^l to Distribute amoung s^d Col^{os} to Raise men for Col^o Stephen Peabody's Regiment to serve at Rhode Island—

Voted that Col^o Hobart and M^r Joseph Gilmin be a Committee to Attend on Mous^{rs} Fouquet & Son French Gentlemen Employed by Congress to propagate the Art of powder making & Salt petre that they Endeavour to procure all the knowledge they can from s^d Gentleman in that Art, to which end they are to make Experiments and use Such Methods as to them shall seem most Eligible to acquire knowledge in the Bussiness

R^d a Letter from Col^o Moses Nichols, sent an Answer Enclosing Several Acts &c—

MAY 15th Gave a permit to Hannah Smith wife of John Smith late of Portsmouth to pass from s^d Portsmouth to Rhode Island by Water with her Children to her husband to take with her their Wearing Apparel & Such Necessaries as the Committee on Estates of Absentees or Either of them shall think proper—

ordered the Naval Officer to permit the Ship Minerva to export from this State the Small Spars on board provided there is none exceeds 12 Inches Diameter

ordered the Re^r Gen^l to pay the Roll of Col^o Theo^s Dame amounting to £196 17—

Orderd the R G to pay Zachariah Fowle £81 15 0 in full for his acco^t for Printing Procl^{as} Laws &c

Permitted John Willingham John Lancefield & William Pierce Prisoners of War in this State, to Sail for New York in the Schooner Sally, when She Sails, they having given their Parole to obtain the Release of three American Prisoners of equal Rank, or return again, on failure thereof

May 21st 1779—the Committee met according to Adjournment & permitted William Simonton Esq^r to export 20 Bushels of Corn & 20 Bushels of Potatoes for Falmouth Casco Bay

& Spent the remainder of the day in looking over the papers & filing them

MAY 22^d ordered Col^o Sam^l Folsom to Seize a Quantity of Merchandize purchased by sundry persons with an Intent to Injure the united States & ruin the paper Currency as there is Strong reason to Suspect &c

ordered the Rece^r Gen^l to pay the Roll of Cap^t Peter Drown for his Comp^y in Col^o Stephen Peabody Battallion Amounting to £678 5—

Ordered Simeon Ladd Prison Keeper to Release from his confinement Philip Cronmsett Jr a Soldier belonging to Whitcombs Rangers Provided Cap^t Peter Drown, shall become Surety for his appearance again when calld for—

Bond given accord^gly, and on file—

MAY 24th Orderd the Rec^r Gen^l to pay or discount with the Select Men of Nottingham in the Current years Tax Nine hundred pounds for Con^{tl} & States Bounty Advanced to Six Men raised in that Town to serve during the War vizt, to Josiah Clarke Bradstreet Mason W^m Simpson Jesse Clarke John Clark & Paul M^cCoy— Mustered by Col^o Jn^o M^cCleary—

order'd the R G to pay the Select Men of Candia or their order or discount with s^d Town in their Tax for the Current year £750 0 0 for Con^{tl} & State Bounties advanced to 5 men viz^t Daniel Libbee Jn^o Coldwell Michael Poor John Anderson & John Lovrin, to Serve during the War Mustered & paid by Col^o John Webster, for Said Town

Col^o Sam^l Folsom made returne of the Warrant Committed to him on Saturday last,—hav^g Executed the same, & Siezed & Stopped the goods—

MAY 24th 1779 Ordered Joseph Gilman one of the Hon^l Board of War, to take into his Custody & safely keep in the Store House belonging to this State in Exeter the Goods &c taken by Col^o Sam^l Folsom, on Saturday last, & keep till further orders

ordered the Naval officer not to permitt any of the Articles purchased at a Vendue held at Portsmouth last week on Tuesday wednesday or thursday, to be Cleared out in any Vessel whatsoever till further orders

MAY 28th Several of the Committee Met but not Sufficunt to make a Board Adjourned till to Morrow Morning—

MAY 29 on Reading & Considering the Petetion of Joseph Day-enport of Stamford in the State of Connecticut praying for an Oppertunity to Lay before them for their advice & Direction sundry matters relative to making a Setlement of the Disputes between

the first & Second Grantees of Sundry townships of Land in this State or that they would appoint a Sub Committee for that purpose, Whereupon Voted that the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq^r Josiah Bartlett & John Dudley Esq^r be a Committee for the Said Davenport to apply to for advice from time to time and if anything materially Interesting to the State Should take place that the Said Committee are hereby Directed to Lay the Same before the General Assembly or Committee of Safety for their orders thereon

ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to pay or Discount with the Selectmen of Raymond Seven Hundred & fifty pounds for five men Enlisted & paid by them for the Continental army During the War Viz Hezekiah Pollard John Moore James Libbey James Mack & James Dolof Who Were mustered by Col^o John Webster

MAY 29 Ordered the Rec^d Gen^l to pay the Selectmen of Hampton one Hundred & Eighty pounds for Eighteen Volunteers in the Rhode Island Expedition in 1778

ordered the Rec^d Gen^l to pay Woodbury Langdon Esq^r one thousand pounds he to be accountable as a member Elect for the Continental Congress

ordered the Rec^d Gen^l to pay the Selectmen of Chichester one hundred & fifty pounds for two Soldiers Viz Benj^a B Berry & Benj^a Brown by them Enlisted During the present War and mustered by Col^o John M^cClary

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay the Roll of Cap^t Daniel Reynolds Company in Col^o Stephen Peabods Regiment Rhode Island Service in 1778 amounting to twelve hundred Seventy & Seven pounds & Six pence he giving Security in Common form

ordered the Receiv^r Gen^l to pay the Ballance of Capt Samuel Dearborns Company Roll in Col^o Stephen Peabods Regiment at Rhode Island in the Year 1778 amounting to one thousand & twenty five pound nine Shillings and ten pence

ordered the Treasurer to pay to Cap^t James Lewis (or his order) of Col^o Enoch Hales Regiment of Volunteers for Rhode Island in the Year 1778 they giving Security for the payment of the men the Sum of three Hundred & ninety five pounds ten Shillings & Six pence—the order made out to Lieut Benj^m Hall

ordered John Parker Esq^r to Relase the flag of truce which has been here a Long time from N York to return thither

MONDAY JUNE 7th 1779—Order'd the Naval officer to permitt M^r Burrell Carn to Clear out & export from this State one Tierce of Goods marked B C which were bought at vendue, & orderd to be Stop'd by the Com^{tee} Some time Since he hav^g produced a Certificate of his Friendship to this Country also the goods purchased at

s^d Vendue by Joseph Ford & John Adams they having produced like Certificates

order'd the Naval Officer to Permitt Col^o Jn^o Langdon to Clear out & Export from this State one Chest Contain^g Fire Arms &c, bought at Vendue at Portsm^o by Col^o Isaac Sedman, Which were detained by order of the Com^{tee} some time since—it appear^g by Certificate that s^d Sidman is a Friend to y^e Country

order'd the Naval officer to permitt M^r Enoch Brown to Clear out & export from this State Sundry goods he purchased at Vendue at Portsm^o, which were detain'd by order of the Com^{tee} Some time ago—it appear^g s^d Brown is a Friend to this Country

Orderd the Naval officer to permitt Eliakim Eatton to Clear out & export from this State 15 Bush^l Indian Corn to Deer Island, he giv^g Bond in Common Form to land the same there

orderd Joseph Gilman Esq to deliver the goods in his Custody by order of the Com^{tee}, purchased at a late vendue at Portsm^o, by Mes^{rs} Hunt & Wicoff—they hav^g made it appear, that they are Friends to this Country

JUNE 8th order'd the R G to pay to Zach^h Fowle £60 to be by him accounted for

took into consideration sundry public letters &c

wrote a Letter to the Select Men of Stratham, to replace some Corn which they had taken, which was purchased for Soldiers Families in Exeter

took into Consideration a letter from Gen^l Washington, request- ing & urging, the compleation of our Battallions

JUNE 9th Wrote & Sent Letters to each Col^o in the State, direct^g them to Compleat their proportion & make Returns on the 16th June Current, at the Setting of the Court

Gave M^r Joseph Gilman an order on the Treasurer for Three Hundred Pounds for which he is to be accountable

ordered Cap^t Caleb Robinson to take a Guard of 3 men & escort a Cart or Waggon with a Chest of Continental Bills to Boston, & if need be to Philadelphia—& to put himself under the Direction, & carefully observe the orders of Col^o Nicholas Gilman, respecting this matter

Ordered the R G to send forward to Philadelphia the Cont^l Tax assessed & collected in this State for the year 1778 amount^g to £60,000—to Francis Hopkinson Esq^r Treas^r of Loans & take his receipt for the same

ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Cap^t Ezekiel Gile in the Rhode Island Expedition in the year 1778 amount^g to £1087 16 8

except^s 20 13 4 Stopped—being what was due to him & L^t Loyal, untill he produce voucher for the Bounties, which he paid to his Men that he inlisted

JUNE 23 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay to Col^o Noah Lovell for the Select men of Dunstable one Hundred and forty pounds for fourteen Volunteers to R Island in the Year one thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy Eight

JUNE 25th 1779, ordered the R G to pay the Selectmen of Lyndborough one hundred & Eighty pounds for so much Advanced by them to Eighteen Volunteers to Rhode Island with Interest from the 6th of August 1778 to the first of Jan^y 1779

JUNE 26 1779 ordered the R G^l to Lett Ebenezer Thompson Esq^r have one hundred and fifty pounds towards his Expences to the N H Grants he to be accountable

JUNE 27 upon applycation from the State of Massachusetts Bay to Cooperate with them in Laying an Embargo until the fleet Shall Sail against our Enemies who have Made a lodgement at Penobscot it was agreed to and Embargo was Laid in this State accordingly

30th upon reading & Considering a Petetion from a respectable number of Inhabitants of the town of Portsmouth & the Personal applycation of the Rev^d John Murry from Booth bay purporting their Distresst Situation for want of Sufficent Naval force to Dislodge the Enemy at Ponobscot where upon Voted that the Ship Hampden belonging to John Langdon Esq^r & others to be Equipt with all possible Expedition to Joyn with those at Boston for the reduction of our Enemies at Ponobscot

JULY 2^d—Orderd the Naval officer to Permitt Benjamin Colby to clear out & Export from this State (as soon as the present Imbargo is taken off) about 60 Bushell Indian Corn to Pownalbor^o State of the Mass^{ts} Bay he giving Bond in Common form to land the same there

JULY 2^d order'd the Naval officer to Permitt Samuel Kenny to Clear out & Export from this State (as soon as the present Imbargo is taken of) about 30 Bushell Indian Corn & grain to Booth Bay State of Mass^{ts} Bay, he giving Bond in Common Form to Land the same there

JULY 3 Order'd Theop^s Dame Esq^r to Permitt the Brigantine Polly M^r Geo Dodge Jun^r Commander to pass out of this Harbour to Salem—also the Brigantine Active M^r Allen Hallet Commander to proceed to Sea

JULY 3^d 1779 order'd the R G to pay to Joseph Peverly Esq^r of Northumberland £600—to procure provisions, & pay wages & Bounties to Men to be Employd as a Scouting party at the upper Cooss, for which he is to be accountable

Took into Consideration the Petition of Joseph Peverly Esq^r & others, praying for assistance of Men &c to be sent to the upper Cooss

ordered—12 Men to be raised immed^y, 6, out of Col^o Websters Reg^t, & 6 out of Col^o Moreys Reg^t to be commanded by a Lieut^t, to be Stationed at the upper Cooss—untill the first Day of Octo^r next unless sooner Discharged—that the men have £12 p^r m^o & £6—Bounty & travel—2 pⁱ Mile, the officers £33 6 o p^r Month—& to be paid one Months wages advance

Appointed Joseph Peverly to Procure & deliver out Provisions for s^d party at his House in Northumberland & to pay the Bounties, & one months advance pay to each

wrote to Col^o Webster & Col^o Morey, to proceed immed^y to Inlist or Draft S^d Men & Send them forward, & to appoint the officer

made out Instructions to the officer Commanding said party, & gave them & his Commission to said Peverly to be forwarded

Ordered the Rec^r Gen^l to pay the account of Simeon Ladd Gaol Keeper amounting to two Hundred & Seventy one pound ten Shillings for boarding prisoners to July first 1779

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to the Roll of Col^o Dame matrosses for the month of June amounting to three Hundred & forty Six pounds one Shilling

ordered Col^o Dame to permit the Schooner Rover belonging to Cap^t Robert Parker to proceed to Sea Notwithstanding the Embargo

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to Lett the Board of War have one thousand pounds to be by them accounted for

ordered the Board of War to Equip the Ship Hampden to assist in Expedition against Penobscot if it Can be done in Eight Days from this Date

gave an order to Joseph Peverly Esq^r to take 20 Fire Arms, belong^s to this State if he can find so many in the western part of this State, for which he is to be accountable

JULY 8th 1779—it being represented to the Com^{tee} that it is necessary for the public Good, that the present Embargo on all Vessels should continue Forty Days longer, from this Day—therefore ordered that the Embargo be Continued 40 Days

Appointed & Commissiond Titus Salter of Ports^m Esq^r to Command the Ship Hambden, in an Expedition, on foot, against the Enemies at Ponobscot.

appointed & Commissiond Daniel Lang & Joshua Stackpole to be L^{ts} of said Ship Hampden, in said Expedition

appointed — Curtice Sailing Master of the Armed Ship Hampden on the intended Expedition to Penobscott

JULY 9th 1779 Settled the acco^t of Zach^h Fowle for Printing Forms of Government, the Address of Congress &c Ballance due to him £72 18 0 Order'd the R G to pay s^d Ballance

orderd the Naval officer to permitt the Ship Hambden Titus Salter Esq^r Commander, to clear out & put to Sea—in order to join the fleet, from Mass^{ts} in an Expedition ag^t the Enemy at Penobscot

Made out orders for Cap^t Titus Salter, for his voyage to Penobscutt

orderd Theop^s Dame Esq^r Command^s the Forts at Piscataqua Harbour, to permitt Joshua Hall Edward Smith Jun^r John Wylie Joseph Banks Nichols Miller James Cook Zenus Cook James Samuel Hall Benj^a Davis & Edward Millikin, with their respective vessels, to pass out of this Harbour to the westward, being Loaded Coasters homeward Bound

order'd Naval officer to permitt the schooner Sally Thomas Freeman Master to Clear out & proceed to Falmouth,

JULY 10th 1779 Order'd the R G to pay to the board of War £1000 0 to be by them accounted for

orderd the R G to pay to Col^o Hercules Mooney £90, as a Month's advance pay, in the service at R Island

order'd the R G to pay Cap^t Samuel Reynolds £48 as a Months advance wages in the Service at R Island

orderd the R G to pay Commissary Bickford £120, to be acco^{td} for

ordered the Naval Officer to permit David Oliver to export 20 Bushels of Corn for Kenebeck river

JULY 16th 1779 ordered the R G to let the Selectmen of Greenland have out of the Treasury £600 for Bounties p^d 4 Continental Soldiers viz Dan^l Pinkham, Joseph Camperdon, James Brown & Joseph Anderson

Ordered Col^o Dame to permit 2 prize Vessels viz the Brig Jenny Ebenezer Nutting master and the Schooner Industry to sail for Salem

Samuel Piper Jun^r of Stratham appointed a Leiu^t in the Rhode Island troops in Stead of Joshua Avery resigned

ordered the R G to pay or discount with the Selectmen of East Kingstown £60 for Bounties advanced to 6 men in the last years Rhode Island Expedition

JULY 17th Robert Fletcher of Temple who was appointed a Lieu^t in the Rhode Island Expedition having resigned Gershom Drury of said Town was appointed in his room

Gave a permit to William Baxter to pass & repass from Portsmouth to Exeter on Business for the printers

William Richardson of Hampstead having resigned the office of Lieu^t to which he was appointed in the Rhode Island Reg^t Jacob Elliot of Chester was appointed in his room

allow'd the acco^t of Col^o Moses Nichols, for send^g express to Walpole in June last to the Col^{os} of the Reg^{ts} &c & amount^g to £24 0

orderd the R G to pay the s^d £24 0 to Cap^t Dan^l Warner for s^d service

orderd the R G to pay to L^t Sam^l Piper of the R Island Service £33 6 for one months advance pay in that service

Order'd the R G to pay to Francis Blood Esq^r £48 for one Month advance pay, for Cap^t Dan^l Emerson R Island Service

Orderd the R G to pay to Francis Blood Esq^r £33 6 0 for one Months advance pay for L^t Gershom Drury in R Is^d Service

orderd the R G to pay to Sam^l Trott £42 0 for coming Express to Exeter

ordered the R G to pay Francis Blood Esq^r £9 for his Expences in a journey to Exeter After Commissions and Advance pay for the Rhode Island Officers

Wrote Letters to Col^o Bellows, Col^o Enoch Hale Maj^r Ellis & Col^o Nichols about Rendevousing their Continental Soldiers &c

JULY 22^d 1779 orderd the R G to pay to Cap^t Ezekiel Worthen £48—for one Months advance pay for R Island Service

order'd the R G to pay to Lieut Jon^t Leavett £33 6 0 for one months advance pay for R Island service

Nicholas Marriner of Newington appointed Ensign in the room of Geo Leighton Resignd, in the R Is^d Expedition

orderd the R G to pay to Ens Nicholas Marriner £24—for one Month advance pay for R I Service

orderd the R G to pay to Hannah Light wife of L^t Ebenezer Light of Portsm^o, now in the Con^{tl} Army 280 Dollars, which compl^{ts} 560 Dollars allowd to officers of that Rank in the Army, she having rec'd before by order of Court 280 Dollars—& this Compl^{ts} the whole, she having a power from her Husband

JULY 23^d 1779 orderd the R G to pay to Cap^t Joseph Leigh £300—to be by him accounted for

orderd the R G to pay to the Board of Warr £15,000—to be by them accounted for

Commissary Bickford of Portsmouth, represented to the Comtee, that he had rec'd a letter from Sam^l Gray Esq^r Dep^y Com^y of Issues, that he propos'd to move the Continental Store from Portsm^o & from this State, as being unNecessary

wrote a letter to s^d Gray, shewing the Necessity of Cont^s the Store, & furnishing the same with necessary Supplys

made out orders to Cap^t Caleb Robinson to proceed to Amherst & Keen, in order, to give the Necessary March^s orders, to the Cont^l Soldiers & Recruits

orderd the R G to pay to Capt Caleb Robinson £50—to enable him to proceed on s^d service, to be accounted for

ordered John Neal, late a Serjeant in the Continental Service, now an Invalid, to proceed to portsm^o, without loss of Time, & put himself under the Command of Col^o Dame, & do duty there till further orders

It being represented to the Comtee by Col^o Dame & others, that there is but about 20 men in the Forts of Portsm^o & those not likely to tarry, & the Danger of the Enemies taking the advantage of that weekness—therefore Resolved to raise immediately by Draught 60 Men for 2 months to Serve in the Forts, out of the Militia to be raised out of, Col^o Wentworth Evans Moulton Gilman Webster, Thornton Gales & McClarys Reg^{ts}, to have the same pay & allowance that the Court voted at their last Session, for men to be raised for that Service—being 45 Dol p^r M^o & 2/ p^r Mile Travel

appointed Lt Moses Barron of Amherst, Ensign in the R Island Expedition, in the room of W^m Stewart who has resignd

orderd the R G to pay Ens Moses Barron of R Island Troops £24 for one months advance wages

JULY 24th 1779 orderd the R G to pay to N Emery Esq £100, to be by him accounted for

proportiond the Sixty Men order'd yesterday to be Draughted to be Station'd at the Forts at Portsmouth,—& wrote Circular Letters to Eight Colonels to raise their proportion immediately, & send them forward to Portsm^o without Loss of time

wrote a letter to Jon^a Greele the 3^d of Kingstown to Appear before the Comtee on Thursday next 4 oClock afternoon

appointed Peter Stearns of Plymouth Lieut in the Rhode Island Service, in the room of Josiah Brown who Resign'd

JULY 29th 1779 wrote a letter to Col^o Moony at Providence recomd^s Cap^t Sam^l Kelly of New Hampton (who ingaged for the

good of the R Island Service as a private) to be an officer if any vacancy happens

Jon^a Greeley Tert^s of Kingstown appeared before the Com^{tee} agreeable to the order of Saturday last, being complaind ag^t by sundry people in the different Towns, for going from place to place & buying up Numbers of Oxen at an Extravagant price—he produced M^r Jonathan Winship of Little Cambridge & M^r Jeremiah Tibbits of Barrington to Inform his design in his purchasing s^d Cattle, after a hearing, the Com^{tee}, order'd said Greeley not to purchase any more Cattle, till their further order

Capt William Scott of Peterbor^o in this State, belonging to Col^o Henry Jacksons Reg^t, in the Cont^l Service appeard before the Com^{tee} & produ a list of the officers & men belonging to this State, who are now Serving in s^d Reg^t also a Resolve of Congress importing that those officers & Men should be recon'd as part of the Quota of this State—praying for some Relief on acco^t of the Depreciation of the Currency &c

JULY 30th 1779 Orderd the R G to pay to Cap^t William Scott, £828,—for him to account for viz^t 800 Dol on his own acco^t & 560—Dol to be paid to L^t Nesmith, & 50 Dollars to Each man in Col^o Henry Jacksons Reg^t belong^s to this State, he to take their respective receipts for the Same—to be in part of Depreciation

wrote a letter to Cap^t Scott & the Men in Col^o Jackson Reg^t belong^s to this State—desiring them to Continue in the Service &c recd Sundry public Letters & some Resolves of Congress

ordered the list of Deserters, belonging to the Cont^l Service to be published, & an order to all officers Civil & Military to apprehend & Secure said Deserters—& wrote Circular Letters to all the Col^{os} of Militia, to take up & secure s^d Deserters

took into Consider^a a Resolve of Congress of the 29th of June, respect^s Loaning Money to the United States

Order'd that s^d Resolve be reprinted & sent to every Town, in this State, & appointed the Representatives in Several Towns & districts to procure the Money

rec'd a letter from the Hon^l Council of the Mass^{ts} Bay, Inform^s that a Spanish Vessel had been plundered on the high Seas by one Cap^t Hewet, under American Colours—& that some persons in this State Might be know^s & be calld as Evidences

Wrote to Cap^t Dan^l Evans & M^r Shackford to attend the Com^{tee} tomorrow Mo^rg at 9 'oClock to give Evidence of what they know respect^s said affair

JULY 31st Cap^t Dan^l Evans & M^r John Shackford—came before the Com^{tee} agreeable to the order of yesterday, & gave their Depo-

sition respecting the Roberry of the Spannish Vessel, the President being desired to send it forward to the Councel Mass^{ts} State—

wrote a letter to the Select Men & Militia officers of the Town of Peterbor^o in answer to one rec'd from them

orderd the R G to pay to Cap^t Daniel Evans 84 Dol—for the Expençe of him & M^r John Shackford com^s to give Evidence of the Robery of a Spanish vessel

AUGUST 6th 1779 Order'd the R G to pay to Timothy Ricker of Cap^t Kars Comp^y & Daniel Cook of Cap^t Rowels Comp^y both soldiers of Col^o Reids Reg^t in the Cont^l Service—Fifty Dollars Each to Enable them, to join their Command, at Gen^l Washingtons head Quarters, (they being part of his Guard) for which they are to be Accountable, as so much rec'd respectively towards the depreciation of the paper Currency,—their Situation being such, that they have not been in the way to draw any thing out of the State Store

Orderd the R G to pay to the Board of Warr £10,000 to be by them accounted for

AUG^t 7th 1779—Orderd the R G to pay to M^r Simeon Ladd £131 17 0 being in full of his acco^t Exhibited, for Boarding Sundry Prisoners, & for the expence of Carryng Mathew Thornton to Ports^m^o, in order for Tryal, before the Sup^r Court

Gave a permitt to William Baxter to pass from hence to Alstead in this State & to return again within 20 days from the Time that he sets out

Rec'd the Resolves of Congress from the Printer, with the order of the Comtee apoit^{ts} the Several Members of the Assembly to be aiding & Assisting in Loaning Money for the United States, & Seald & directed them to the Members—& Sent them

AUGUST 13th 1779 Committee met, & took into Consider^a a Letter rec'd from the Council of the State of Mass^{ts} Bay respect^s some Men wanted, to be Sent to Penobscott, Skill'd in the Art of Warr—&c

AUGUST 14th 1779. Order'd the R G to pay to Doctor Caleb G Adams £30 to be by him accounted for

AUGUST 14th 1779—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Col^o Dames Matross Comp^y for the Month of May last, amount^s to £297 6 0

Orderd the R G to pay the Roll of Col^o Dames Matross Comp^y for the Month of July amount^s to the sum of £461 8 0

wrote sundry public Letters, to Col^o Mooney & others

Appointed Doctor Peter Emerson late of Plymouth to be Surgeon of the Rhode Island Reg^t belonging to this State, Commanded by Col^o Hercules Mooney

wrote a letter to Doctor Emerson in consequence of his appointment, & sent an Express to him, with sundry other letters to people in the Country on public business

AUG^t 20th 1779 ordered the R G to let Docⁿ Peter Emerson have two hundred Dollars to be accounted for by him as Surgeon to Col^o Mooneys Reg^t

ordered the R G to let Eben^t Thompson Esq^r have 655 Dollars to be delivered M^{rs} Lydia Emerson Widow of Moses Emerson Esq^r which is to be Chargd the Hon^{bl} William Whipple Esq^r the same being advanced by his desire

order'd the R G to pay to Ebenezer^t Thompson Esq^r £3 10,— for Cap^t Hubartus Neal, for s^d Neals acco^t for him self & wife attend^{ce} as Evidences in the Tryal of Major Richardson

AUGUST 21st 1779 ordered the R G to pay Leint^t William Hutchins £10 for apprehending one George Hogg a Deserter from the Continental army

ordered the R G to let Zachariah Fowle have out of the Treasury £50 to be Accounted for

ordered D^o to let John T Gilman have £200 to be Accounted for

ordered the Board of War to furnish Col^o Jackson with Wagons to Assist his march towards Penobscot

ordered the R G to pay M^t Thomas odiorne £90 for so much Advanced for Colours for Col^o Cilleys Reg^t

Upon representation made to the Committee of the Weak & Defenceless State of Piscataqua Harbour, & the Forts there, & the dangrous Situation of the Towns thereabouts—& requesting Some Speedy Assistance in Consequence of which, the Com^{tee} adjourn'd to Portsm^o to Meet on Monday next, in order to view the particular Situation of the Forts, & other Circumstances—

MONDAY AUGUST 23^d 1779 Met at Portsmouth according to Adjournment—Gave a Permit for the Schooner Hannah a Flagg of truce from Newport to sail for that port with the family of Cap^t John Smith on Board

24th Col^o Tyler of the Mass^{ts} Bay having desired provision for the Crews of the Vessels lost at penobscot passing thro' this state to last them to Newbury port the Committee requested M^r Bickford the Contin^l Commissary to supply them with 2 days Allowance each

ordered the R G to let Col^o Clapp have £10,000 to Buy provisions for the State to be Accounted for

ordered the Board of War to deliver the select men of Rye a B^l of Gun powder for which they are to be Accountable

and spent the remainder of this day in veiwing the Fortifications round Piscataquay harbour

AUGUST 25th 1779 consulted with a number of Portsmouth Gentlemen about raising men and fortifying to defend the Town—Agreed to raise Three hundred men & gave orders to Gen^l Folsom to call in so many of the Militia, to be raised out of the 12 nearest Regiments

Gave Col^o Theophilus Dame written directions to Call on the Board of War of this State for Military Stores of every kind which he shall find absolutely Necessary for the defence of the Fortresses Committed to his care—which they are hereby directed to provide for him.

EXETER AUG^t 27th 1779—reed Sundry public letters, & wrote a Letter to Col^o Stephen Evans respect^s Con^{tl} Soldiers & other things

AUG^t 28th wrote two letters, one to Gen^l Whipple & one to Col^o Peabody members of Congress, on public bussness

Settled the acco^t of Cap^t Benj^a Sias, who was appointed to Inlist Con^{tl} Soldiers in Col^o Stickneys Reg^t, & he paid the Ballance into the Treasury being £53 6 0 acco^{ts} on file

AUGUST 28th 1779 ordered the R G to Discount out of the Tax for the Town of Exeter £675 0—for Con^{tl} & State Bounties advanced by said Town, to Five Con^{tl} Soldiers raised to Serve during the War—viz John Bartlett (one half of his Con^{tl} & State Bounty only—) Sam^l Lock George Patterson Alexd^r Patterson & Richard Cook

Order'd the R G to Discount out of the Tax for the Town of Exeter £200—for Bounties & Travel^s money p^d by s^d Town to 5 Soldiers, Raised for the Defence of R Island for the Current year—vizt Jeremiah Folsom Nath^l Lovrin Jon^a Thing & Jon^a Lyford

Orderd the Board of War to deliver to Capt Josiah Moulton one Small Cask of Powder out of the Magazine Contain^s about 25^{lb}

wrote a Letter to Jon^a Greeley the 3^d of Kingstown, to refrain purchaseing Cattle

ordered the R G to pay Monsieurs Foquetts £1,000—to pay their Expences since they have been in this State, & for their, their Servants, & Horses Expences to Philadelphia

SEPTEMBER 3^d 1779—ordered the R G to Discount with the Selectmen of Wakefield £104 10 for money advan^{cd} to Soldiers

ordered Ditto to pay or discount with the Selectmen of Candia Eighty Two pounds four Shillings for so much advanced to Two Soldiers raised for Rhode Island

appointed Williams Adams of Londonderry Adjutant of Col^o Mooney's Regiment & Ensign in the Majors Company of s^d Reg^t

SEPTEMBER 4th 1779 ordered the R G to pay John M^cClary Six pounds Twelve Shillings for sending an Express on public Service

Ordered one Jonathan Margery a Continental soldier belonging to Col^o Reids Regiment wounded in the Army & not Able to Travel & Join his Reg^t to put himself under the Command of Col^o Dame at Portsmouth for the present

ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Daniel Reynolds £60 for himself & £48 for William Adams Adj^t in Col^o Mooney's Reg^t as a months advance to Each

Ordered the R G to pay John Kimball & William Ray one hundred & five pounds for apprehending & bringing from Sandwich to Exeter one Joseph Keniston a deserter

order^d D^o to pay the Roll of Col^o Theoph^s Dame amounting to £732 6

On Motion Resolved that it is the Opinion of this Committee That all Officers Civil & Military required by Law to Take and Subscribe an Oath of Fidelity to this State having been required to take the Same & refusing or Neglecting until the time appointed therefor was Expired are not only dismissed from their respective Offices but rendered incapable of being reappointed

ordered the R G to let the Board of War have out of the Treas^y £6,000 to be Accounted for

SEPTEMBER 10th 1779 The Com^{tee} took into Consider^a Sundry things of a public Nature & in particular a Petition from M H Wentworth Esq respect^s M^r Fishers Farm at Haverhill—ordered that the determination thereof be put of, till next week

SEPTEMBER 11th Ordered one Joseph Hills a Cont^l Soldier belonging to Cap^t Scotts Company & Col^o Cilleys Reg^t an Invalid, unable to march to the Army, to proceed to Portsmouth, & do Duty there under Col^o Dame till further order

Settled & allow'd the account of L^t W^m Taggart for apprehend^s John Wire a Deserter, & committing him to jail in Amherst

orderd the R G to Pay to L^t W^m Taggart £20 4 0 for apprehend^s John Wire a Deserter

wrote a letter to Col^o Moses Kelly respect^s the Escape of one John Wire (a Deserter) out of Amh^t jail

upon Motion made, Resolved that it is the opinion of this Com^{tee}, that M^r Robert Smith of Londonderry, be directed to take care of, & Secure the income & Produce of the Farm, in said London-derry, lately own'd by John Vance an absentee, for the benefit of

the State—Such part of said Produce as would have come to Said Vance

SEPTEMBER 17th 1779 orderd the R G to pay to Mr Jon^a Levett of Greenland £1—being for so much Deducted out of his pay in the R Island Service in 1778, in Col^o John Langdons Comp^y, as he rec^d no mo^y of Greenland

ordered the R G to Pay to Adam Babcock Esq £19,500—for the one half of the ship Hambden, as appriz^d by Geo Wentworth Esq^r & al, lost in the late Expedition to Penobscott.

order^d the R G to pay David Burbank £20—for attend^{ce} at Exeter S. C. as a witness in the Tryal of Mathew Thornton

Orderd the R G to pay John Hutchins £30—for attend^{ce} at Exeter as a witness in the Tryal of Mathew Thornton

Orderd the R G to pay to Eph^m Barker jail Keeper for the County of Hillsborough £280 7 0 for Boarding John McLaughlin & William Hardwick, in Amherst Goal

SEP^t 18th 1779 ordered the R G to discount with the Selectmen of New Durham £42 for advance to a soldier in the R Island Reg^t

ordered Ditto to let Noah Emery Esq^r have £500 to be Accounted for

ordered the Board of War to dispose of a Barrell of Gunpowder to Mr Sam^l Sawyer in exchange for articles they need of him for the Army

Wrote to the Selectmen of Haverhil, Cohos to take & keep in their hands the pay for the Improvement of Mr Fishers Lands by the Continental troops

ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Daniel Reynolds Seventy five pounds for his Expences &^c as a witness in the Trial of Matthew Thornton

Wrote Gen^l Gates to advance our soldiers a months pay

SEPTEMBER 23^d, 1779—The Com^{tee} took into Consider^a Necessity & Importance of Supplying the Treasury with money, for our present Exigencies—& to devise some Speedy Method to effect the same

SEPTEMBER 24th made out a Requisition to the Select Men of the Several & Respective Towns & Parishes to Advance part, or the whole of their Taxes, & put the same into the Treasury, with as much dispatch as possible in order that the Board of War, may be enabled to procure Clothing for our Continental Troops—

SEPTEMBER 25th Whereas it is represented to the Com^{tee} by Col Webster of Plymouth, that Lt Ray of Merideth has Appre-

hended one Paul Wells of Plym^o as a Deserter in order to bring him to Exeter to put him to jail &^c—the Com^{tee} having Exam'd Sundry papers with respect to s^d Wells whereby it appears that he is unable to join the Army & do Duty there—The Com^{tee} are of Opinion that the s^d Paul Wells remain at home untill further order of the Com^{tee} or Gen^l Court—and that the s^d Wells is Discharged from his obligation to appear before this Com^{tee} next Tuesday

Appointed Col^o Joshua Wentworth of Portsm^o to be Muster Master to Muster the Men sent from the Several Reg^{ts} of Militia in this State to Serve at or Near Portsm^o for two Months unless sooner discharged, you will please not to Accept any but able Bodied Effective men well acconterd, & make Return thereof to the Com^{tee}

ordered Col^o Theop^s Dame to form the remainder of the Men under his Command (that shall pass Muster, before Col^o Josh^a Wentworth) into such companys as may most Conduce to the public Defence, & for the Interest of the State

SEPTEMR 27th The Committee met at the request of Sundry Gentlemen of Portsmouth to consider of the case of D^r John Quin a prisoner at Halifax

SEP^r 28th Wrote to Gen^l Clinton at Newyork to Massachusetts Gen^l Court, & to Gen^l Gates relating to the case of D^r Quin

OCTOBER 1—1779—Ordered the R G to pay the Roll of Col^o Theop^s Dame, for the Men Stationed at the Forts on Piscataqua Harbour, amount^s to the sum of £875 13 6

Order'd the R G to Discount out of the list of Taxes of Benj^a Page one of the Constables for the Town of Deerfield for the present year the sum of £900—being the Cont^l & State Bounties, advanced by the said Town of Deerfield to John Jewel Reuben Rand John Abbott Paul Cook Daniel Mathews & Jacob Morse Soldiers inlisted into the Cont^l Service during the War

Order'd the R G to Discount out of the list of Taxes of Benj^a Page one of the Constables for the Town of Deerfield for the present year the sum of £126—being bounties & Travel Money advanced by s^d Town of Deerfield to Thomas Rand Niel Cate & Francis Rollins Soldiers inlisted into the Rhode Island Service for Six Months, the present year

OCTOBER 2^d Orderd the R G to pay to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper £280 0 to be by him accounted for

Order'd the R G to pay to Gen^l Folsom £31 10 in full for his account Exhibited & Settled this Day

OCTOBER 2^d 1779 took under Consider^a Sundry public letters, being only a bare Majority, adjourn'd untill Thursday next, & wrote to the absent Members to attend

OCTOBER 7th The Committee met and took under consideration Sundry letters received since their last meeting

OCTOBER 8th A Letter from the Council of the Massachusetts Bay proposing a Conference by Delegates from the New England States & State of New York to meet at Hartford in the State of Connecticut on the 20th Instant having been received by the Committee & Considered—Voted that the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlet, Col^o Joshua Wentworth & Major George Gains or Either Two of them be, & hereby are Appointed in the name & behalf of this State to Meet delegates from the States of Massachusetts Bay, Rhode Island, Connecticut & New York at Hartford in the State of Connecticut on Wednesday the 20th of this Instant October to agree upon a Method for keeping up a free and general intercourse in trade &c upon principles correspondent with the public good and Effectually to destroy the practices of those people who prey upon their Country, and to consult and agree on any other Measures that then & there may be thought Necessary for the Welfare of the united states & to make report of their doings to the General Assembly of this State as soon as may be

Complaint being made to the Committee that Col^o Hobart one of the members had revealed some Important Secrets of the Committee with design to Counteract their proceedings & Assist the Enemies of the united States, Next Thursday Assigned to enquire into the Matter & Col^o Hobart desired not to Attend in Committee until that time

OCTOBER 9th 1779 Wrote an Answer to Pris^r Powell

ordered the R G to let Col^o Josiah Bartlett have £300 to pay the Expences of the Delegates to Hartford to be accounted for.

Wrote to Col^o Dame and directed him to dismiss the 2 Smallest Companies of the Militia under his command at Portsmouth

OCTOBER THE 14th 1779 Gave a permit to James Hill to Clear the Schooner Property with forty Bushels of Corn & Ten Barel's of Cider for Biddeford in the State of the Massachusetts Bay

Gave the Sheriff of the County of Hillsborough orders to Discharge John Wyre a Deserter from Col^o Jacksons Regiment now a prisoner in Amherst Gaol on his pay Charges & giving Bond with Sufficient Sureties immediately to Join his Regiment.

Gave the Board of War an order on the Treasurer for Six Thousand Pounds to be by them accounted for 6,000

This being the day Assigned for enquiring into the matters Complained off against Col^o Hobart, who appeared & not being prepared, the matter put off until he has further opportunity

OCT^r 15th ordered the R G to let Cap^t Caleb Robinson have out of the Treasury £150 to be Accounted for

OCT^r 16th ordered the R G to let Cap^t Caleb Robinson have £60 to pay his expences in carrying Deserters to the Army

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Sam^l Hobart £27 for so much Advanced D Taylor for going express on public Business

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Jn^o M^cClary £50 for Mustering & paying Soldiers

ordered the Board of War to let Cap^t Robinson have 2 stand of fire Arms to Guard Deserters to the army

OCTOBER 21st 1779 ordered Col^o Dame to dismiss the 2 Companies of Militia under his Command at Portsmouth

29 ordered Ditto to pay the Selectmen of Chester Two hundred and Forty pounds for Bounties &c Travel paid 6 men gone in the Rhode Island Service

ordered Ditto to pay the Selectmen of Raymond £40 for 1 man in the Afors^d service

NOVEM^r 2^d 1779—permitted John Cox of Falmouth James Jewett of Sheepsct River, Spencer Decker of said Sheepsct and William Harper of Falmouth Each to Export a Quantity of Corn and Cider

order'd the R G to discount with the Selectmen of Concord £1200 for advance to 8 Soldiers for the War & £168 for 4 Soldiers for the war

Nov^r 3^d ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay to Col Enoch Hale The Sum of four Hundred and forty four pound for Money advanced for Bounties and Travel to Sundry Continental Soldiers also another Sum of Seventy Six pounds for Bounties & Travel money to two men raised for the Defence of Rhode Island £520

ordered the Recever Gn^l to pay the Selectmen of New Ipswich the Sum of 300 pounds for Bounties advanced to four Soldiers inlisted into the Continental army for one year

Also another Sum of 114 pounds for Bounties and Travel money advanced to three Soldiers inlisted for the Defence of Rhode Island.

Orderd the Receiver General to pay to the Select men of Temple the Sum of 180£ for Bounties Advanced to three men inlisted into the Continental Servise for one year

Also to pay to the Select men of Temple £38 8 0 Bounty & travil Money for David Drury inlisted for the defence of Rhode Island

Orderd the Receiver General to pay to the Selectmen of Chesterfield the Sum of 123£ for Bounty and travil for three men inlisted for the defence of Rhode Island

Also to pay the Select men of Chesterfield 300£ for Bounties paid five men inlisted for the Continental Service for One year

Orderd the Receiver General to pay the Selectmen of Nottingham West the Sum of 420 £ for Bounties paid four men inlisted for the Continental Service for one year

Orderd the Receiver Gen^l to Michael Cressey 5 6 0 for his Acco^t for time & expence carrying orders from Gen^l Folsom to the Col^s of the Militia to raise Continental Soldiers

Nov^r 3^d 1779 Orderd the Rec^r Gen^l to pay to the Select men of Antrim 42 £ for Bounty & travil for one man inlisted for the defence of Rhode Island

Also to pay to the select men of Antrim 60 £ for Bounty paid one man inlisted for the Continental Service for one year

NOVEM^r 4th orderd the R G to discount with the Select men of Gilmantown 384 for so much Advanced to soldiers

orderd the R G to pay Col^o Joseph Badger 4 16 for Mustering men &^c

orderd the R G to discount with the Select men of Dublin 39 10 for advance to a Soldier in the R Island Service & 180 for 3 Soldiers for one year in the Continental Service 219 10

orderd the R G^l to pay the Selectmen of Cockermouth Sixty pounds for one Soldier Jon^a Edes in the Continental army for one Year

orderd D^o to pay Col^l Moses Kelly 7 16 for Mustering men

NOVEM^r 10th orderd the R G to pay Joshua Bayley 11 10 for Counting votes at Amherst last year for Councillers

orderd D^o to Discount with the Selectmen of Kensington 120 for so much Advanced R Island Volnntiers

orderd the Naval Officer to permit Jn^o Hambleton to Export for Cape Ann 60 Bushels of Corn & a few other articles

NOVEMBER 11th orderd the Naval officer to permit Samuel Dunscomb to Export for Bermuda a load of Spars

NOV^r 12 orderd the naval officer to permit amos Caswell to Export ninety five bush Corn & grain for Old York

orderd the R G to Discount with the Selectmen of Nottingham West 76 8 for 2 soldiers Advance gone in the R Island Expedition

orderd Ditto to pay Col^o Enoch Hale 300 with Interest from the 22^d of July last for so much lent by him (as he says) to Col^o Bellows to pay travel Money to Continental Soldiers—also Interest for 54 from said 22^d of July for Money advanced by s^d Hale for the public—principal Already paid

NOVEM^r 12th orderd D^o to pay the Selectmen of Holles for Bounties advanced R Island soldiers 156—& 480 for Continental Solders

ordered D^o to pay the Selectmen of Stoddard £60 for advance to 6 soldiers last year in the R Island Expedition

ordered D^o to pay the Selectmen of Packersfield Eighty pounds for so much Advanced 8 men last year in the Rhode Island Expedition

NOVEM^r 15th 1779 ordered the Board of War to deliver Caleb Hunt a Soldier belonging to Col^o Reids Reg^t a Suit of Cloaths

ord^d the R G to pay William Greenwood for apprehending Oliv^r parker £6 to be acc^d for

NOVEM^r 18th 1779 ordered the Naval officer to permit Sylvanus Coombs to Export 25 Bush^l of Corn 24 Bb^l of Apples and 6 B^{ls} of Cider

ordered the R G to pay the selectmen of Nottingham £86 14 for So much Advanced 2 men in the Rhode Island Service

19 ordered the Naval Officer to permit Benj^a Higgens to Export fifty bush Corn & Six Br^{ls} Cyder for Casco bay

ordered the Naval officer to permit James Stubbs to Export ten bush Corn thirty five Br^{ls} Cyder & 20 bush apples to Casco Bay

Nov^r 26 ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Josiah Bartlett one of the Committee in Convention at Hartford one Hundred & Seventy Eight pounds Seven Shillings in full for their Ballance and Settled their acco^t

ordered the R Gen^l to pay Nath^l Folsom Esq^r three pounds Eighteen Shillings his acco^t for Express to Dover

ordered the Naval Officer to permit Philip Higgens to Export forty Eight Bush Corn 16 Br^{ls} Cyder & 15 bush apples for New Meadows

NOVEM^r 27th ordered the R G to pay Col^o Noah Lovewell the Balance of his Account for hiring recruits for the army & pursuing deserters &c amounting to £69 16

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Gilman £25 for drawing orders at Sundry times for General Folsom to the Col^{os} of the Militia

DECEMBER 2nd the Committe took into Consideration the appointment of a Post to ride to the western part of the State

3^d Gave Col : Hercules Mooney an order on the Treasury for Sixty pounds by him to be account^d for

Gave an order on the R: G: To Cap^t Nath^l Huchins in Col Cilleys Regiment for Sixty pounds by him to be Accounted for

Gave Simeon Ladd Goal Keeper an order on the Treasurer for the Sum of Two Hundrd and one pounds being the Ballance of his account this Day Exhibited

Agreable to a vote of the G assembly of the 18th of November last authorising the Committee of Safety to Establish a post to ride weekly from the post office in Portsmouth to the western parts of this State Resolved that agreable to the proposal of Peter Robinson He be & hereby is appointed a Post Rider for the term of Six months to ride weekly from the post office in Portsmouth to Set out from thence on Saturday morning & to ride to Peterborough in this State and Send a man from that place weekly to Charlestown N^o four and to Carry and Return all public letters & Dispatches free of Charge for which Service he Shall receive from this State the Sum of Three Hundred pounds Lawful money.

In Committee of Safety Decm^r 3^d 1779

Ordered the Receaver Gen^l to pay Col^o Dames matross Roll for the month of October amounting to five Hundred & Seventy two pounds Sixteen Shillings

ordered the R Gen^l to pay m^r Tho^s Odiorne Nine pounds Eleven Shillings being the ballance due to him for Purchasing Colours for Col^o Ceily Regiment

4th ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay to Col^o Dame the Roll of Invalids doing duty in the matross Companys amounting to one Hundred & Eighty Six pounds one Shilling and Six pence

ordered the Receiver Gen^l to pay Col^o Dame His Roll of matrosses for the month of Nov^r amounting to Six Hundred Seventy three pounds thirteen Shillings & Six pence

ordered the R G to pay to Col^o Dame the travel Roll of forty one Militia men from Several Regiments in this State to Portsm^o and back to their Respective Homes amounting to one Hundred and Sixty two pounds Six Shillings

THURSDAY JAN^{ry} 20th 1780 The day the Committee were to meet only John Dudley Esq^r Attended by reason of the stormy weather

FRIDAY JAN^{ry} 21st 1780—The President Attended with John Dudley Esq^r and on the Earnest Application of George Cooper & Reuben Horner Continental soldiers at home on furlow and Entirely destitute of Money to pay their Expences to the Army the President ordered the R G to let each of them have 400 dollars to be Accounted for by them Respectively

WEDNESDAY JAN^{ry} 26th the Committee Set and waited on Sundry persons who made Application to them for orders on the Treasurer for money advanced to raise Soldiers—which they were not impowred to do.

THURSDAY MARCH 30th 1780 The Committee met & ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Select men of Bow £300, for Bounties Advanced to 2 Continental Sold^{rs} & £42 advanced to one Soldier for Rhode Island

Spent the most of this day in giving orders to Soldiers &c

FRIDAY MARCH 31st 1780. ordered the R G to let Major Joseph Bass have out of the Treasury £1000 to be accounted for by him

R^d Sundry Letters & Resolves of Congress & took the same under Consideration

SATURDAY APRIL 1st 1779 Sent off Several Letters, & Made out a great number of orders to Soldiers & in favour of Selectmen for Money Advan^d

APRIL 6th 1780 The Committee Met and Consulted with Several Persons relative requisitions from Congress &c

7th ordered the Naval Officer for the Port of Piscataqua to permit Cap^t Samuel Boyd to Export for Bristol in the County of Lincoln 200 Bushels of Indian Corn for the use of the Families driven from Penobscot

Settled the Account of Robert Smith for Sundry Services done for the State, & Money re^d by him for Money re^d &^c as p^r acc^{ts} on file and a Balance remains due to the State of £9 0 5

ordered the Naval Officer to permit Tristram Pinkham Jun^r to Export for Goldsborough 130 Bushels of Corn

8th ordered the R G to let William Baxter have out of the Treasury 100 Dollars for Carrying letters to the County of Cheshire to call the General Court together

THURSDAY APRIL 13th 1780 Ordered the Naval officer for the Port of Piscataqua to permit Ezra Johnson to Export for New Meadows in the State of the Massachusetts Bay forty Bushels of Indian Corn &c &c

13 & 14th Settled Sundry accounts and gave orders to Soldiers for money and ordered the Proclamation for the Continental Fast to be printed & Dispersed

15 Ordered the Receiver General to pay Nicholas Nichols £3 10^s 0^d for taking Care of a Sick Soldier

Ordered the R General to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulton Thirty Six pounds for his Expences going twice to Portsm^o on Public Business

APRIL 15th 1780 Ordered the R General to pay the Hon^{ble} John Dudley Esqr Eighteen pounds for his Expences going to Chester on public Business

THURSDAY MAY 4th 1780 part of the Committe met and there not being a Quorum adjourn^d

FRIDAY MAY 5th met and ordered the Receiver General to pay to Lieu^t John Lane three hundred pounds to bear his expences in part for his going to Sunbury after his son who was wounded in the Army and in a Languishing State—he to be accountable for the Same

Gave a perinit to Benj^a Colby master of the Schooner Polly to clear out for Pownalborough in the State of Massachusetts Bay with twenty Six Bushels of Indian Corn & two Bushels of Siberain Wheat and two Barrels of Cyder

SATURDAY MAY 6th Ordered y^e Receiv^r General to pay to Cap^t Josiah Gilman four Hundred pounds to be by him Accounted for

Ordered the Rec^d Gen^l to pay Cap^t Ebenezer Frye one hundred and Seventy Eight pounds Sixteen Shillings & nine pence being

y^e Ballance of his accounts as Certified by y^e Committee on Settling y^e acct^s of y^e Officers & Soldiers

Ordered the Rec^r Gen^rl to pay Lieu^t Joseph Boynton one hundred & fifty seven pounds Eight Shillings & Eleven pence y^e Ballance due to him as Certified by y^e Committ^e on Settling y^e Accounts of Officers & Soldiers

THURSDAY MAY 11th 1780 the Committee met and gave Sundry Instructions to the Committee on depreciation

MAY 12th Gave out orders to the several Col^{os} to raise their Quota's of 60 men & forward them to Haverhil

Wrote to Col^o Charles Johnson & Maj^r Whitcomb & app^d them to direct the operations &^c of the 60 men to be Stationed on the River, about Supplies &^c Copy on file

13th Wrote to Col^o Hunt & M^r Grout at N^o 4 desiring them (if in their hands belonging to the State) to deliver John holbrook for the use of the Inhabitants of upper Coloss a B^{il} of Gun powder 200 Flints, & 200^{lb} of Lead

Several Matters laid before the Committee by the Com^{ee} on Depreciation which they gave their Opinion thereon

ordered the Receiver General to pay Zachariah Fowle three Hundred pounds for which he is to be accountable

ordered the R G to pay Elijah Temple one hundred & fifty pounds for bringing deserters to Exeter

Wrote to Cap^t Peter Drown to deliver Philip Cromet to Maj^r Whetcombs order

ordered the R G to let Maj^r Whetcomb have five Thousand Dollars to Recruit men he to Account

ordered the R G to pay the 2 Rolls of Cap^t Dearing one £1189 6 8 the other for Invalids £13 6 1202 12 8

ordered the Naval officer to permit James Fullerton to export 50 Bushels of Corn for Kenebeck River & Isaac Ball 20 Bushels to Cape Ann appointed John Cutt & George Howe to Examine & Survey provisions in the Continental Store at Portsmouth & make report on oath

THURSDAY MAY 18th 1780—In Committee of Safety—Present, The Hon^{ble} J. Bartlett, J. Dudley Esq Maj^r Gains and Capⁿ J. Moulton

FRIDAY MAY 19th 1780, The above named Committee took into consideration the appointment of a Lieutenant for the Matross Company Commanded by Capⁿ Ebenezer Dearing.

Appointed Messhech Bell to be a Lieutenant in the Matross Company for the Defence of Piscataqu Harbour.—Certificate of the Appointment sent—

Rec'd Sundry Letters from Col^o Peabody.

THURSDAY MAY 25, 1780 The Committee of Safety Met.

FRIDAY MAY 26. 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of Nicholas Nichols, amounting to £139 6 for going as an Express to Keene to carry Proclamations

Gave directions to the Committee on Depreciation to make up the Account of Pearson Huntriss who Enlisted in Cap^t Drew's Com^y 2^d Batallion & was not returned to s^d Com^e—also for Christopher Huntriss who served one year and died in the same Company & was not returned

ordered the R G to pay the Balance of the Account of Col^o Benjamin Bellows with the State amounting to Three hundred & Twenty Eight pounds fourteen Shillings

Resolved, That it be recommended to all persons possessed of wheat & flour on Connecticutt river for Sale to keep the Same & not dispose thereof until the General Court can have opportunity to purchase it for the use of the united States. The Court will meet at Exeter on the first Wednesday in June next, when the Committee have the greatest reason to believe they will appoint some persons to purchase all the wheat & flour that can be Spared in those parts and provide ways and means to pay therefor.

27 Ordered the Treasurer to Let Z Fowle have £300 to be by him accounted for

SATURDAY MAY 27th 1780--Wrote to the Committee on Connecticutt river relative to Treatment of the Indians in friendship with us

Wrote to M^r Cuyler at Albany relative to the Drafts of Congress on this State

Wrote to the Committee who have the care of the Estates of Absentees for the County of Hillsborough relative to an Estate at Amherst said to belong to one Jnⁿ Sargeant an Absentee

In Committee of Safety May 27—1780

This Committee advise you not to settle with the Soldiers that served for 3 years only in the Continental Army for the Town of Portsm^o whose time is expired unless each of them allow to you in their present Settlement of the respective Sums, they have been Supplied with by the Committee of said Portsm^o Acc^t herewith exhibited for supplies up to the twentieth of March past & upon their Refusal you will defer there Settlement untill the General Court meets

Wrote to our Delegates at Congress

THURSDAY JUNE THE 1 1780—The Committee met and Ordered the Committee on adjusting Soldiers Accounts &c to Ballance the

Account of Eliphalet Veazy—which they did, as appears by a Certificate of a Ballance due to said Veazy amounting to thirty nine pounds sixteen shillings Accordingly an Order was Drawn on the Treasurer for him to issue his Notes &c

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Moses Kelly Sheriff £65 6 being the Amount of his Account for apprehending Joshua Atherton Leonard Whiting Jon^a Gove & John Laughlin and for collecting fines &c

FRIDAY JUNE 2^d Ordered the Treasurer to Let Col^o Clapp have out of the Treasury six thousand pounds to be accounted for.

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Selectmen of Middleton forty five pounds as Bounty & travel money advanced to Nathan Hanson a Soldier in the Rhode Island Service

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue his Notes for the Ballance due to George Gault a Soldier in the 6th Comp^y 1st Reg^t amounting to £44 3 8

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue his Notes for the Ballance due to Obed McLain a Soldier in the 6th Company and 1st Regiment amounting to £39 16 11

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Serj^t William Hill two hundred Dollars in part toward Depreciation.

SATURDAY 3^d JUNE 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Issue his Notes for the Ballance due to Benjⁿ Cross a Private in the 2^d Comp^y 3^d N. Hampshire Regiment amounting to £31 15 6

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Dudley Esq £123 4 being the amount of his Acc^t for time & Expences to Exeter to recommend Persons as Trustees to the Estates of Absentees

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue his Notes to William Leavitt for £24 8 6—to Joseph Hull for £45 4 4—to Philip Cooper for £34 8 11—to William Gale for £25 19 8 being Ballances due for Depreciation

OFFICERS AT PROVIDENCE

STEPHEN PEABODY COL

Dan¹ Runnells Cap^t { 1 Lt Bracket Towle
 2 Lt Jacob Elliot

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Sam^l Dearborn Cap^t $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 \text{ Lt Sam^l Odlin} \\ 2 \text{ Lt Jos Wheaton} \end{array} \right.$

JAN^y 23^d 1779 Nath^l Peabody boro^d Two Quire of y^e State
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Capt^t Gilman one Quire

Col^o Bartlett one Q¹Co¹⁰ Mooney one Quire

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May, 1780— Miles Committee of Safety		May 4 th	5 th	6 th	11 th	12 th	13 th	18 th	19 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	June 1	2 ^d	3 ^d
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Certified to this time

SATURDAY JUNE 3^d 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to Issue his Notes to Elijah Fairfield—8th Comp^y 1st Reg^t for £22 10 4—to Nehem^h Leavitt Corp—3^d Comp^y 3^d Reg^t for £48 19 10—to *Benjⁿ Pettingill for £46 17 7—to Peter Stevens—2^d Comp^y 1st Reg^t for £46 14 1—to William Kelle 2^d Comp^y 1st Reg^t for £49 17 4 being Ballances due for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Captⁿ Ebenezer Dearing £1285 19 being the Amount of his pay Roll of the Matross Company Stationed at the Forts on Piscataqua River for the month of May 1780—Also his pay Roll of the Invalids Stationed at Fort Washington for the month of May 1780 Amounting to £10 13 9

FRIDAY JUNE 16th 1780—Agreed that the Troops ordered by Act of the General Assembly to be Immediately raised to recruit the Continental Army Rendezvous the 4th of July those of Col^o Wentworth, Moulton, Evans, Gilman, Gale, John Webster, Gregg Badger & McClary's Regements rendezvous at Kingstown—Those of Col^o Nichols, Stickney David Websters & Kelly Regem^{ts} at Amherst Those of Col^o Bellows's Hale, Ellis, Chase, & Moreys Reg^{ts} at winchester.

THURSDAY JUNE 22^d 1780—the Committee Computed the Numbers of men to rendezvous at the Several places and found them as follows—at Kingstown 297, at Amherst 152, at Winchester 151—and appointed Col^o Josiah Bartlett to Muster & pay the Travel money to the men who rendezvous at Kingstown Col^o Stephen Peabody for those at Amherst and Cap^t Nehemiah Houghton for those at winchester.

* Deceased. Order taken up & another Drawn in favor of his father Ephraim 10 June 1780

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Nehem^h Houghton have out of the Treasury Twenty Two Thousand Dollars to pay Travel money to the Men he Shall Muster to recruit the Continental Army for which he is to be Accountable.

ordered the R G to let Col^o Stephen Peabody have out of the Treasury Twenty Two Thousand Dollars and also Thirty Three Thousand Dollars to pay travel money to the men he shall muster to recruit the Continental Army for which he is to be Accountable

JUNE 27th 1780. The Committee agreed that the Militia ordered by the Gen^l Court to be raised to Join the Continental army for 3 Months rendezvous at the same places that those who were raised for 6 months were ordered, that the time of their rendezvous be fixed on the 12th of July next and that they be Mustered & paid Travel Money by the same persons who were appointed to Muster the Others

ordered the R G to let Col^o Josiah Bartlett have out of the Treasury one hundred & Ten Thousand Dollars to enable him to pay travel money to the men he Shall Muster for which he is to Account

ordered the R G to let Noah Curtis have for him to carry to Cap^t Nehemiah Houghton Thirty Three Thousand Dollars for said Houghton to pay Travel Money with to Men he Musters for which s^d Houghton is to Acc^t

Journal of the Committee of Safety, began June 29th 1780.

THURSDAY JUNE 29th 1780. The Committee mett and tooke into consideration Sundry Matters referred to them by the General Court relative to fixing off the Soldiers ordered by s^d Court to be raised.

Made out Commissions for Cap^t Ephraim Stone & his officers, who are to command a Company on the Western Frontiers, and sent them forward to the several Officers.

Made out orders to the Several Muster Masters

Gave a permit to the schooner Dolphin—Beck Master to export for Wells in the State of Massachusetts Bay 80 Bushels of Corn & 15 Barrels of Cyder

FRIDAY JUNE 30th 1780—Made a Computation of the horses to be purchased in this State for the use of the Continental Army & Agreed to impower some person or persons to purchase in the County of Rockingham 65, in Strafford 25 Hillsborough 33, and Cheshire 27.

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Samuel Gilman £8019 for Cattle & Corn bo't for the use of the State out of the confiscated Estate of Governor Wentworth

Advised the Committee on depreciation to settle the Acc^t of James Thompson who was returned a soldier having served three years in the army with Adam Thompson his brother who as it appears Served 2 of said years in stead of said James

SATURDAY JULY 1st 1780—Appointed Jedediah Jewett to buy horses in the County of Rockingham, John Plummer in the County of Strafford Jonathan Martin in the County of Hillsborough & sent Blank orders to Col^o Hunt for the County of Cheshire

Sent off Sam^l Chamberlin Express to Charles Town N^o 4 with the orders.

ordered the R G to let Timothy Chamberlin have £100 to pay his Expences on a Journey to N^o 4 for which he is to Acc^t

appointed George Gains Esq^r to receive the hon^{ble} John Langdon Esq^r 25 hogsheads of Rum & Give his Recep^t therefor in behalf of the State

TUESDAY JULY 4th 1780—ordered the R G to let Col^o Moses Nichols have one Thousand Dollars to be Accounted for by him

WEDNESDAY JULY 5th 1780. Gave a permit to John Dudley Jr John French, Edward Bean, & Isaac Smith to drive out of this State for Kenebeck river where they are about setting 20 head of horned Cattle

ordered the R G to let Nich^s Nichols have out of the Treasery 150 Dollars to pay his Expences to Amherst on A Journey to the public—being sent Express to Col^o Peabody

THURSDAY JULY 6th 1780—ordered the R G to let Maj^r Gains have 400 Dollars to be Accounted for

Sent off Major Gains Express to Boston to gain Intelligence relative to sending forward Cattle &c

Wrote to President Powell & to the Committee of Congress at Morris Town

Gave orders to Eliphalet Giddinge to collect together 200 head of Cattle ready to be sent forward to the Army by the 18th Ins^t at furthest

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Josiah Moulton £50 8 0 the Expence of a Dinner at M^r Thurstons for General Sullivan who came to wait on the Committee & to Advise with them on the Dangerous Aspect of public Affairs.

ordered the Naval Officer to permit John Spinney in the Schooner Elisabeth to Export 31 Bushels of Corn—and Eliphalet Gilman in the Schooner Sally 20 Bushels of Corn—for Kenebeck river

FRIDAY JULY 7th 1780—Sent off Samuel Gilman Express to the post office at Portsmouth After the Public Letters

Agreed to Arrange the Militia going to serve 3 months under the Col^{os} Bartlett & Nichols in the following manner viz Col^o Nichols to have—

from his own Regiment one Captain, one Leiu^t one Ensign and 54 men

from Col^o Kelly's Regim^t one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 65 men

from Col^o Stickney's D^o one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 62 men

from Col^o Ellis's Reg^t one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 68 men

Col^o Hales D^o one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign and 63 men

Col^o Bellows's Reg^t 1 Captain one Leiu^t & 45 men with a Ensign and 5 men from Col^o Morey's Reg^t in the whole 50

Col^o Moreys one Leiu^t & 21 men with a Captain an Ensign & 33 men from Col^o John Websters Reg^t in the whole—54 men

Col^o Chases Reg^t one Captain one Ensign & 36 men with a Leiu^t & 20 men from Col^o Nichols's Reg^t in the whole 56 men

Col^o Bartlett to have—

from Col^o Wentworths Reg^t one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign and 70 men

from Col^o Evans's D^o one Cap^t one Leu^t one Ensign & 66 pri-
vates

from Col^o Moultons D^o one Captain one Ensign and 40 men with a Leiu^t & 20 men from Col^o Evan's—60

Col^o Gilmans D^o one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 55 men

from Col^o Greggs D^o one Captain one Ensign & 33 men with one Leiu^t & 19 men from Col^o David Websters 52

from Col^o Gales D^o one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 55 men

from Col^o Badgers D^o one Captain one Leiu^t one Ensign & 55 men

from Col^o McClary's D^o one Captain one Ensign & 36 men with a Leiu^t & 20 men from Col^o Stickneys Reg^t 56

appointed D^r Mark How Surgeon & D^r George Kezer Surgeons Mate to Col^o Bartletts Reg^t

ordered the R G to let Col^o Thomas Bartlett have out of the Treasury £1000 to be Accounted for by him

SATURDAY JULY 8th 1780 The Expresses returned last Evening from N^o 4, and Amherst, and reported that Col^o Peabody at Amherst was going on in sending off the Troops with forwardness

R^d a letter from Col Hunt of N^o 4 Advising that Cap^t Shubael Geer of said N^o 4 was appointed to buy horses in the County of Cheshire for the united States

Rec^d a Letter from Gen^l Folsom advising that the new Money would soon be bro't forward

Made out a Commission for Col^o Thomas Bartlett to command the s^d Reg^{ts} of Militia raised for the Continental Army

Wrote the Issuing Commissary at Worcester Notifying him of the number of men who must draw provisions there &c

Gave a permit to Daniel Gilman to export 50 Bushels of Corn a Bill of Pork & Ditto of Rum for Kenebeck river to purchase Salt &c

II TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY 12th OF JULY 1780—Gave an Order to the Board of War on the Treasurer for fifty thousand pounds.

Made out a Commission for Lieut Jacob Elliot also a Commission for Lieut Samuel Piper

Gave an Order on the Treasurer in favor of Arch^d Stark Ensign for one hundred & eighty pounds in part toward Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Lieutenant Jacob Elliot have out of the Treasury six hundred Dollars

ordered the R G to let Timothy Chamberlin have out of the Treasury £100 to bear his Expences to Worcester to be Accounted for

Sent off Timothy Chamberlin Express to Worcester with a Letter to the Issuing Commissary there to see that provision was made for on Troops Going forward to the Army

THURSDAY JULY 13th 1780—ordered the R G to let Leiut Jonathan Cass have out of the Treasury two Thousand Dollars to be Accounted for by him

ordered the Naval Officer for the Port of Piscataqua to permit John Walmsley to export a Quantity of Masts, Sparrs &c for Cape Francois

ordered the R G to let Gen^l John Stark have out of the Treasury four Thousand Dollars to be Accounted for by him

appointed Richard Sinkler Jun^r an Ensign in Col^o Thomas Bartletts Reg^t

ordered the R G to Issue in Notes £50,000 agreeable to the resolve of the G Court of the 29th of June last payable to Such Persons and in such sums as Jedediah Jewett shall request the same being to pay for horses purchased by said Jewett for the state he to be Accountable therefor

ordered the R G to pay Lein^t Jon^a Cass £45 for Extra Expences at Kingstown Mustering men and £39 for Cash p^d by him to one Benjⁿ Morse for prosecuting one Ithiel Gorden for Rescuing a Deserter

appointed Samuel Marston of Hampton a Ensign in Col^o Thomas Bartletts Reg^t

FRIDAY JULY 14th 1780 ordered the Board of War to deliver Joseph Dow of Kensington a Musket with a Bayonet for the use of one Tristram Godfrey a soldier who Split his by Accident for which s^d Dow is to be Accountable—this order returned

ordered the R G to pay Simcon Ladd £60^r 18 the balance of his Account for boarding Soldiers Deserted &c

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Eliphalet Giddinge have out of the Treasury forty Thousand Dollars to be accounted for by him

ordered the R G to pay Col^o Matthew Thornton £49 16 for his Acc^t at Sundry Services &c

Upon receiving certain Intelligence of the Arrival of the French Fleet at Newport, the President wrote Letters to the Several Col^{os} of the Militia, desiring them to send forward the Quota Of men Assigned them without delay

SATURDAY JULY 15th 1780—ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jun^r have out of the Treasury £600 to pay his Expences in going Express to G Washington for which he is to Account

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Ebenezer Dearing Roll of his Matross Company Amounting to £1634 6 8 & of his Invalids being £18 7 6 for the month of June last

MONDAY JULY 17 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to Let Col^o Samuel Folsom have five hundred pounds to be by him accounted for

By information obtained from Col^o Baldwin Wrote to James Betton Esq concerning a Quantity of Counterfeit fifty Dollar Bills circulating in Windham &c

Made out Commissions for Capt Samuel Reywords and Ensign Nathan Barlow appointed to command a Comp^y on the western frontiers.

JULY 18th 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to let Capt Samuel Reynolds have out of the Treasury fifteen hundred Dollars to be by him accounted for.

Wrote to Maj^r Whetcomb informing him that the men raisd for the Defence of the western frontiers are Ordered under his care in such manner as may best answer that design, and desired him to give the necessary directions for their being Supplyd with Provisions &c—Also that he would inform the Committee from time to time of the Situation of affairs.

Ordered Captⁿ Sam^l Reynolds to proceed to Haverhill on Connecticut River to take under his Command one of the Companies rais'd for the Defence of the frontiers Also to apply to Maj^r Whetcomb for Supplies for the men and for further Directions.

Ordered Capt E. Giddinge to send forward about two hundred of the beef Cattle (fifty in a Drove) under the care of some proper persons & to proceed forward towards the Army by the way of Springfield untill they meet M^r Emery Jun^r & they are then to proceed & deliver the Cattle to such person as M^r Emery shall direct taking proper Receipts for the same unless that before they meet M^r Emery they should receive Orders from the Commissary General for the delivery of the Cattle in which case, they are to be delivered to the Commissary Generals Orders taking Receipts &c

Wrote to Doct^r Warren to know whether he would engage as Surgeon in the third New Hampshire Regiment he being appointed by the Committee upon the Recommendation of Col^o Henry Dearborn

JULY 19th 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to let Col^o Supply Clapp have out of the Treasury five thousand Pounds to be by him accounted for

Made out a Commission for Ensign Thomas Gorden in Capt Whitchers Company of Militia dated 29th June 1780

Ordered the Treasurer to let Doct^r Mark How have out of the Treasury four hundred & fifty pounds to be by him accounted for.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of M^r James Thurstin for a Dinner * amounting to Sixty six pounds twelve shillings

JULY 20th 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to let Capt Eliphalet Giddinge have out of the Treasury three thousand & six hundred pounds to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Treasurer to let Abraham Brown have one hundred and eighty pounds towards Supporting a Waggon on the Road to Springfield to be by him accounted for

Wrote to Col^o Stephen Evans the second time calling on Him to see that the Quota from his Regiment, both for filling the Continental Army and also of the Militia for three months be immediately compleated and marched forward. he is also required to inform the Committee what number of men in his Regiment are rais'd & march'd or ready to march & also what Officers are appointed to go with them, who should be directed forthwith to proceed And if either Officers or men are wanting they must be immediately procured & sent forward

* Provided by the Committee for the Entertainment of the Hon^{ble} Mr Gerry who came by the desire of the Committee of Congress and General Washington to communicate some things relative to the State of the Army.

Made out a Commission for Major Jonathan Wentworth as Major of the first Regiment of Militia raised within this State for the Continental Service—dated June 29th 1780

JULY 21—1780 Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r Jewett have out of the Treasury three hundred pounds to be by him accounted for

Gave a Permit to Moses Sterling to transport one hundred and fifty Bushels of Corn to Bristol in the Massachusetts Bay

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of Samuel Randel for a Journey from Exeter to Dover being Eighteen pounds

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Major Jon^a Wentworth twenty five pounds ten shillings for Shoeing one of the Continental Horses which he is to deliver when arrived at Camp

Ordered the Treasurer to let Major Jonathan Wentworth have out of the Treasury three hundred pounds to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Tresurer to let the Hon^{bl} Josiah Bartlett Esq have three thousand pounds to pay travelling money to Soldiers to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Board of war to Deliver a Gun to Major Jonathan Wentworth to be accountable therefor

JULY 22^d—1780 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Thomas Nichols four thousand nine hundred & ninety four pounds ten shillings and four pence being the Amount of his pay Roll of a Company of Rangers rais'd by this State for the Defence of the western frontiers under the Command of Maj^r Benj^a Whetcomb He giving Security in the common form that the same be paid to the men

JULY 27th 1780—Made out a Commission for Lieutenant Thomas Hayes of a Company of Militia raised within this State for the Continental Service—dated 29th June 1780

JULY 28th 1780 Gave a Permit for the Naval Officer to Clear out the Ship General Washington Commanded by Richard Whelding for Cadiz in Spain with the following Articles viz fifty small Mast, forty thousand white Oak Staves, and seven hundred Spars

Ordered the Treasurer to let the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett have out of the Treasury Six thousand pounds for paying travel money to Soldiers to be by him accounted for Augst 3^d Receivd but £3286 10 on the above mentioned Order

Ordered the Treasurer to let the Board of War have out of the Treasury Eight thousand pounds in the present Currency, or in the new Emission at the Rate of forty of the present for one of the new Emission, he retaining in his hands as much of the present

Currency, (to be destroyed) as he shall pay of the new Emission, they to be accountable for the same

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Timothy Chamberlain (the Balance of his Account for a Journey to N^o four—Worcester & Expenses) two hundred and fourteen pounds eighteen shillings.

Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r Jewett have out of the Treasury three hundred pounds to be by him accounted for

Gave M^r Jewett verbal Directions to deliver four Horses to General Stark to go in a Waggon

Also to deliver a Horse to John Chase who is going to the Southward with a Drove of Cattle

JULY 29 Appointed the Hon^{ble} John Langdon Esq a Delegate to proceed to Boston to join with such Delegates as are or may be appointed by the States of Massachusetts Connecticut, & Rhode Island to meet at Boston on the 2^d day of August next to consult & advise in all such business & Affairs as shall be brought under consideration relative to the War & to promote the most vigorous Exertions of the present Campaign

Gave a Permit to Col^o Nathaniel Fales to Export from hence One Ton of Port & two hundred Bushels of Corn to St Georges River State of Massachusetts Bay

Gave the Selectmen of Portsmouth Liberty to pay their last years Tax in Rum for the Use of this State and that on their procuring & delivering said Rum, on as low Terms, as can be purchased with money, their said Tax shall be discharged—Also that the Town of Portsmouth have Liberty to pay the proportion of Beef which is their Quota for the Two first payments in Rum to be paid at the price established by Congress

By agreement delivered M^r Ladd an Order on the Treasury for £601 18/

TUESDAY AUGUST 1st 1780. The Committee Met and had Sundry Matters under Consideration.

AUG^t 2^d. Wrote a letter to Jacob Cuyler Esqr of Albany relative to the drafts for money he has on this state

AUG^t 3^d. Wrote a Letter to Gen^l Sullivan to request him to come to Exeter, and also a Letter to J Plummer Esq to send off the horses he has bo' to fisk kill &c

Gave orders to Jedediah Jewett to send off 30 horses to fisk kill ordered the R G to pay Maj^r Geo Gains the Balance of his Acc^{ts} amounting to £220 for a Journey to Boston on public Bussiness

AUGst 3^d 1780 Upon motion made it is agreed by the Committee that the Town of Portsmouth have liberty to pay Rum in lieu of the Beef proportioned to them by an Act of this State they

paying a sufficient Quantity of Rum to discharge their Quota of Beef having regard to the prices of each as establish'd by Congress

AUGUST 4th 1780 Ordered the R G to pay James Dockum a soldier who hath Enlisted during the War five hundred Dollars being his Continental & State Bounty

General Sullivan waited on the Committee & after some time in Conference he agreed to proceed to Congress as soon as may be, in order to be ready to Act for the state in Settling the lines with New York &c

Gave an Order to Benjamin Dockum to call on Samuel Ward & one Knowles of Rye Soldiers belonging to the Continental army now at home, & carry them forward to the Army

Made out a Warrant and delivered it to simeon Ladd to Apprehend Jonathan Greely the 3^d of Kingstown & bring him before the Committee to Answer to several Accusations against him for Enemical practices against the States

AUGUST 5th 1780. Appointed Doct John Quin Surgeon to the 3^d Regiment in the Continental Service

ordered the R G to Let D^r Quin have £450 to be by him Accounted for

Wrote a Letter to M^r Livermore desiring him to send the papers he has collected relative to the Disputed Lines beyond Connecticut River &c for the use of General Sullivan

Augt 5th 1780 List of Warrants or Certificates of Promotion in the New Hamp^t Line

Officers Names—	Former Rank in Regts	Promotd to	Regt	The time when to take Rank	in the Room or stead of
Benjamin Titcomb	Majr 2 Reg	Lieut Colo in	1 Regt	24 th March 1780	Lt Colo Gilman
Amos Morrill	Capt ⁿ 1 Reg	Majr	2 ^d Regt	24 Do Do	Majr Titcomb
Jason Wait	Capt ⁿ 1 Regt	Majr	3 Regt	5 th July 1780	Majr Norris
Bezaleel Howe	Ens ⁿ 1 Regt	Lieut	1 Regt	23 June 1779	Lt Hutchins
Jonathan Willard	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	1 Regt	23 Aug ^t 1779	Lt Kimbal
Joshua Thompson	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	30 Aug ^t 1779	Lt McCalley
Simon Sartwell	Capt Lt Do	Captain in	Do	24 th March 1780	Capt Morrill
Moody Dustin	Lt Do	Captain	Do	Do Do	Capt Emerson
Josiah Munro	Lt Do	Capt Lt	Do	Do Do	Capt Lt Sartwell
Thomas Blake	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt	Do	Do Do	Lt Munro
Jonathan Perkins	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	Do Do	Lt Dustin
Josiah Munro	Capt Lt Do	Captain in	Do	5 th July 1780	Capt Wait
Daniel Clapp	Lt Do	Capt Lt	Do	Do Do	Capt Lt Munro
Joseph Mills	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	Do Do	Cpt Lt Clapp
Hubbard Carter	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt	Do	24 th March 1780	Lt Dustin
Samuel Cherry	Cpt Lt 2 Reg	Capt in	2 ^d Regt	30 th Nov 1779	Capt Claves
Noah Robinson	Lt Do	Capt Lt	Do	Do Do	Cpt Lt Cherry
Luke Woodbury	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	30 th Nov ^r 1779	Lt Robinson
Samuel Adams	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	12 th July 1780	Lt Hoit Cashd
Joshua Merrow	Ens ⁿ Do	Lieut	Do	Do Do	Lt Light Cashd
Daniel Gookin	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt in	Do	Do Do	Lt Nichols Cashd
John Dennett	Cpt Lt 3 Reg.	Captain in	3 Regt	1 st July 1780	Capt Ellis
Benjamin Ellis	Lt Do	Capt ⁿ in	Do	5 th July 1780	Cpt Hawkins
Adna Pennyman	Lt Do	Capt Lt	Do	Do Do	Cpt Lt Dennett
Jonathan Cilley	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt in	Do	Do Do	Lt Pennyman
Archibald Stark	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt in	Do	Do Do	Lt Chase
Nathan Wear	Ens ⁿ Do	Lt in	Do	Do Do	Lt Ellis

AUGUST 8th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r N. Emery Jun^r have £6000 to forward the Horses to Camp to be by him accounted for

ordered the R G to Issue notes to pay for 25 horses purchas'd by John plummer Esq^r for the State

AUG^t 9th 1780 Ordered the R G to let the Hon^{ble} John Sullivan Esq^r have out of the Treasury Fourteen Thousand pounds to be Accounted for by him

10th ordered the R G to pay the Balance of the Acc^t of Zechariah Fowle for printing for the State amounting to £1550

ordered the R G to let Nich^s Nicolle have 300 Dollars to pay his Expences to N^o 4

11th ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jun^r have 10-000 Dol- lars to be Accounted for

AUGUST 17th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Timothy Chamberlain the Amount of his Account for two Journies time & Expence &c to New Holderness being three hundred & eight pounds five shillings

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Robert Ellis five hundred Dollar being the Continental & State Bounties for enlisting during the War

Wrote to Major Gains, desiring him to deliver 25 Hhds of Rum to Abraham Sheriff to be transported to Exeter

18 Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Expences of John Hull while detain'd here as Express from General Sullivan, amounting to nineteen pounds sixteen shillings

Ordered Capt E. Giddinge to deliver to M^r N Emery Jun^r Assist^t Commss^y of Purchases, as he shall call for them, and he can collect them, all the Beef Cattle which he was to collect from the several Towns, agreeable to an Act of this State, for that purpose, taking his Receipt for the same

AUGUST THE 19th 1780 Ordered the Board of War to Supply the Continental Troops stationed at Portsmouth with ammunition & such other necessities, as they may want upon an application therefor from Noah Emery Jun^r Assistant Quarter Master and Commissary. And to take his receipt for the things so delivered

Appointed Capt Josiah Moulton Esq & Col^o Sam^l Folsom to examine the powder in the hands of Col^o Hubbard that was made for this State, to see that it is Good and Merchantable and to report to this Committee the Quantity that is there

Requested and Authorised Col^o Joshua Wentworth from time to time to give the Commanding Officer of the Troops stationed at Portsmouth such orders & directions as he shall think proper

for Guarding & Defending the Harbour, and in particular the Continental Ships there

Ordered M^r Jewett to furnish a Horse for Gen^l Sullivan, see his Instructions in the Book of Copies of Letters &c

Ordered the Treasurer to let Col^o Supply Clapp have out of the Treasury ten thousand pounds to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Treasurer to pay to Captⁿ Ebenezer Dearing the Sum of Seventeen hundred & fifteen pounds being the Amount of his Pay Roll of the Matross Company stationed at the forts on Piscataqua river for the month of July

Ordered the Treasurer to pay to Capt Ebenezer Dearing the sum of twenty six pounds fourteen shillings being the Amount of his Pay Roll of Invalids, at Fort Washington for the month of July

AUGUST 22^d 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of Abraham Sheriff for the freight of 25 Hhds of Rum from Portsmouth to Exeter amounting to two hundred & Sixty two pounds ten shillings—

Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r Jedediah Jewett have out of the Treasury twelve hundred pounds to be by him accounted for.

AUGst 23^d 1780 Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge to collect all the Beef Cattle which he possibly can, and deliver them to M^r N. Emery Jun^r to be forwarded to Camp as soon as may be—See Cop^s of Let^s & Inst^r p:—110

FRIDAY AUGUST 25th 1780—ordered the R G to pay Col^o Hercules Mooney £116 2 for his Expences from Rhode Island to Exeter & back again to procure papers to make up his Rolls

SATURDAY AUGUST 26th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r Noah Emery Jun^r have out of the Treasury thirty thousand Dollars to forward Cattle to Camp & for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY AUG^t 26th ordered the Board of War to receive & keep what horses m^r Jedediah Jewett shall deliver them

AUG^t 30th 1780 Col^o Moses Nichols, and Major Jona Wentworth D^{rs} to one Thousand Dollars each advan^d them for the use of their Reg^{ts} at West point by Cap^t Ezekiel Gile which they Respectively are to Account for

THURSDAY AUG^t 31st The President received A Letter from General Stark requesting that his lands near Conway might not be Sold during his being in the public service in consequence of which the prest wrote to Joseph Whipple Esq^r & Enclosed a Copy of Gen^l Stark Letter

FRIDAY SEPTEM^r 1st 1780. ordered the R G to Let Samuel Downing have out of the Treasurer five hundred Dollars for a Bounty for Enlisting as a Soldier during the war

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Nath^l Fifield one hundred Dollars for Enlisting a Soldier during the War

State of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety September 2^d 1780

Sir,

In issuing the new Bills emitted by a Resolve of Congress & Act of this State dated the 29th of April 1780: You are to calculate the Interest from the said date to the time of Issuing & add the same to the Principal in all payments unless otherwise directed by the General Court or this Committee

By Order of the Committee

E. Thompson Chair^a P. T.

Hon^{ble} Nicholas Gilman Esq R G

Ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Jun^r have 15,000 Dollars to be Accounted for

ordered Ditto to let Cap^t Elip^t Giddinge have £150 LM in Bills of the New Emission to be Accounted for

ordered D^o to let Jedediah Jewett have £70 in bills of the New Emission to be Accounted for

SEP^t 6th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Let M^r Jonathan Martin have out of the Treasury £27 10 in Bills of the new Emission towards purchasing & Shoeing Horses & for which he is to be accountable

Order'd the Treasurer to Discount with Thomas Russel one of the Constables of Wilton five hundred & fifty three pounds sixteen shillings being part of a Sum of money paid to M^r Jon^a Martin by Order of the Committee of Safety & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered M^r Emery Asst Coms^y of Purch^s to Discount with Henry Lovejoy of Wilton Four thousand seven hundred & sixty three Continental Dollars, which number of Dollars was delivered to Col^o Moses Nicholls & others as appears ^{by} Receipt

Ordered The Treasurer to make out in Notes agreeable to a Resolution of the Gen^l Court of the June last for twenty two thousand nine hundred & twenty five pounds in the names of the Persons in such respective Sums as M^r Jonathan Martin shall desire, & produce Receipts from, setting forth such purchases and agreeable to the Dates of said Receipts

Recommended Maj^t Jon^a Child of Lime to Noah Emery Jun^r to be Appointed a purchasing Commissary for the Contin^l Troops station'd at & Near Connecticut river

ordered the R G to pay M^r Noah Emery Jun^r £12 14 in Bills of the new Emission being the balance of his Account for going express to Gen^l Washington

Ordered the Board of war to provide & send to Haverhill in Coos to the care of Maj^r B. Whetcomb the following Articles viz 6 Tin Kettles, eight Bushels of Salt 2 Barrels of N. E Rum, $\frac{1}{4}$ of pound of Borax, 4 files & one Screw Plate

ordered Col^o Hunt, or Elijah Grout Esq^r to deliver^r Maj^r Whitcomb or his order 2 Bils of Gunpowder 600^{lb} of Ball & 1000 Flints

SEPT 7th 1780^o Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Samuel Reynolds six pounds five shillings in Bills of the new Emission being for a Journey from Coos to Exeter and back again

Sent M^r Noah Emery Jun^r 4 Quire of paper, which he is to repay as soon as possible

Ordered the Treasurer to Let the Board of war have five hundred pounds in Bills of the New Emission for which they are to be accountable

SEPTEMBER 8th 1780—One Nathaniel Chase a Deserter from the Continental Army being Sent to Town from Cohos was Committed to Gaol by order of the Committee

gave instructions to Cap^t Sam^l Gilman Trustee of the Estate of the late Governor Wentworth, That provided the heirs of Joseph Simmes late of Portsmouth deceased Should bid of at Vendue any of said Estate laying in the Town of Middletown in this State; that he should take Security for the same & not insist on the Money as said Wentworths Estate is largely indebted to the Estate of s^d Simmes

SEPTEMBER 9th 1780—Ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Esq^r have out of the Treasury £20 in the new Emission to enable him to go on with printing the laws to be Accounted for

SEPT 9 1780 Ordered R. G. to let M^r Noah Emery Jun^r Ass^t Coms Purch^s have out of the Treasury three hundred pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

SEPT 14th 1780. Gave a Permit to Waitstill Lewis to export in the Schooner Rosannah twenty Bushels of Corn, two Casks of Rum, Two Casks of Tobacco, one Barrel of Sugar & one Barrel of Molasses from the Port of Piscataqua to Cape Persue.

Also a Certificate to the said Lewis that he is permitted to pursue his voyage with the above mentioned Cargo from the Port of Piscataqua to Cape Persue

FRIDAY SEPT 15th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to let Col^o Supply Clapp have four hundred pounds in the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of Z. Fowle four pounds ten shillings in the new Emission for thirty six Quire of Paper

Ordered the Treasury to pay the Account of the Hon^{ble} M. Weare Presid^t two pounds twelve shillings being for money advanced to sundry Expresses

SATURDAY SEPT 16th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Let Noah Emery Deputy Coms^y of Purch^s have three hundred pounds in the new money to forward Beef Cattle to the Army ; for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Let the Board of War have out of the Treasury one thousand pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which they are to be accountable

Wrote to Capt Sam^l Gilman to deliver to Capt Eliph^t Giddinge Collector General of Beef Cattle, at the time & place which he shall appoint, all the Beef Cattle belonging to this State which he has in his possession which he shall think are fit to send forward to the Army

Appointed Joshua Young an Issuing Commissary for supplying the Troops raised by this State & stationed on the western frontiers.

He is to receive all such Stores as shall be delivered to him for that purpose & deliver out the same upon an Order from the Commanding Officer of said Troops agreeable to the Rules practised in the Continental Army in like cases and render an account for the same

THURSDAY SEPT 21st 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to pay forty three pounds eighteen shillings & four pence the Bills of the new Emission to Capt Ebenezer Dearing being the amount of his pay Roll for August 1780

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Ebenezer Dearing thirteen shillings & eight pence one farthing in bills of the new Emission being the amount of his pay Roll of his Invalids for August 1780

FRIDAY SEPT 22^d 1780—Gave a Permit to Philip Higgins to export in the Schooner Sparrow, forty five Bushels of Corn, ten Bushels of Wheat five Barrels of Cyder & one hundred Bushels of Apples from the Port of Piscataqua to New Meadows River in the State of Massachusetts Bay

Ordered the Treasurer to make out in Notes agreeable to a Resolution of the General Court of June last for nineteen thousand nine hundred & seventy eight pounds in the names of the Persons in such respective Sums as M^r Shubael Geer shall desire & produce Receipts from setting forth such purchases and agreeable to the Dates of said Receipts

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Selectmen of Charlestown three hundred Dollars being travel money paid a Soldier,

Certified to the Treasurer, that there is due to the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq President of the State of New Hampshire twenty pounds eight shillings and six pence in the New Emission being for his travel & attendance in Committee of Safety from the 29th of June to the 22^d of Sept 1780 inclusive ¶ J Pearson D Secy

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue in Notes to the Order of the Board of War eight hundred pounds (payable in one year) in Continental Currency for which they are to be accountable

Wrote to Capt Sam^l Gilman desiring his attendance in Committee of Safety to morrow 9 o'Clock

SATURDAY SEPT 23^d 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with M^r Shubael Geer ten thousand Continental Dollars being money advanced to M^r Noah Emery Esq D. Q. P^s by Order of the President

Ordered the Tresurer to Discount with Capt Shubael Geer one thousand eight hundred & fifty four pounds two shillings Continental Currency in full of his Account exclusive of the first Charge for purchasing &c

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with Capt Shubael Geer six hundred pounds in Continental Currency in part towards purchasing Horses &c

Noah Emery Jun^r Esq D. Q. P^s D^r to ten thonsand Continental Dollars Delivered to him by Capt Shubael Geer by the Presidents Order

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of John Parker Esq Amounting to ten pounds seven shillings in Bills of the new Emission for Gauging & Proving 23 Hhd^s Rum

Ordered the Treasurer to make out in Notes agreeable to a resolution of the General Court of June last for twenty five thousand pounds in the Names of the Persons in such respective Sums as M^r Jedidiah Jewett shall desire & produce Receipts from setting forth such Purchases & agreeable to the Dates of said Receipts

Wrote to Capt S. Gilman desiring his attendance in Com^{tee} of Safety on Monday next at 2 o'Clock, and inform the Com^{tee} what Sums of money he expects from M^r Cabbot, & to bring with him all those papers which he may think necessary—As M^r Cuyler appears willing to take a part of his Order on the Treasurer in Goods &c the Com^{tee} are very anxious that the Order in favor of M^r Cuyler should be Answered

MONDAY SEPT 25th 1780 Gave a Permit to M^r Abraham Hill of Wells to export one hundred Bushels of Corn 2 barrels of Cyder 40^{lb} Pork, 4 bushels of Beans & 14^{lb} flax from the Port of Piscataqua to Kennebunk

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue in a Note to Capt J Moulton Esq the Sum of Six hundred pounds being in part towards his Travel & Attendance in Committee of Safety

Wrote to Capt Samuel Gilman desiring him to pay & take up a Warrant drawn by the President of Congress on this State in favor of Philip Cuyler Esq for three hundred thousand Dollars ; Also another Warrant drawn in favor of the same person for the like Sum on which Warrant is endorsed fifty two thousand Dollars and see that the Whole be properly endorsed, And that he is to take up the Treasurers Receipt for the last mentioned warrant and he will receive the Treasurers Receipt for the Sum so paid

TUESDAY SEPT 26—1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Let the Board of War have fifteen hundred pounds in Continental Dollars for which they are accountable

SEPT 29th 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to let Noah Emery Jun^r Ass^t Coms Gen^l Purch^s have out of the Treasury six hundred pounds, in Bills of the new Emission for which he is accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Simeon Ladd three pounds in Bills of the new Emission being in full for keeping John Powell in Newbury Goal.

SATURDAY SEPT 30th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Pay Zach^h Fowle Eleven pounds five shillings in Bills of the new Emission being in full of his Account for Paper & printing from 27 June to Sept 30 1780

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Josiah Moulton Esq one pound ten shillings in Bills of the new Emission being in full of his Account for Examining powder, time & expences

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Collector Gen^l of Beef have one hundred & fifty pounds in Bills of the New Emission ; for which said Collector is to be accountable

THURSDAY OCTOBER 6th Three of the Committee met According to adj^t but not a Quorum

OCTOBER 7th Gave a permit to Zachariah Foot to export in a Small Boat Sundry Small Articles to Cape pursue in Nova Scotia, said Articles having been bro't in to our Port from the Massachusetts & a permit from that Court for that purpose

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Sam^l Atkinson have 44 Doll of the new Emission to be Accounted for he having Supp^d Maj^r Whitcomb With Wheat

ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Eliph^t Ladd £62 10 of the New Bills he having Advanced Gen^l Folsom £10,000 of the Old Currency on Acc^t of the state

SATURDAY OCT 7th Gave a Permit to Kinsley Hall James to Export in the Schooner Sally about seventy Bushels of Corn from the Port of Piscataqua to Cape Ann

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Mr John Taylor Gilman have out of the Treasury four pounds six shillings & six pence in Bills of the new Emission to be accounted for by him as Payment to Officers & Soldiers on half pay

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Eliphalet Ladd have out of the Treasury Seven Thousand five hundred pounds in Bills of the Old Emission he having Advanced in behalf of the State to Gen^l Folsom at Philadelphia £10,000

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Capt Josiah Gilman have out of the Treasury five pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Mr Jedidiah Jewett have out of the Treasury thirty pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Gilman Esq: thirty seven pounds ten shillings in Bills of the new Emission being for the use of a Room, furniture and Attendance for the Hon^{ble} Council & Committee of Safety from Dec^r 29 1777 to Oct^r 7th 1780

NOV^r 16 THURSDAY 1780—Ordered the Board of War to sell so many of the horses belonging to this State as they shall think necessary, reserving about thirty six, or as many as they shall think convenient for the use of the Waggons

FRIDAY 17th NOV^r 1780—Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Ballance of the Acct of the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq amounting to £22 13 11 new Emission for mustering, Swearing, paying travel money &c to 672 men

Order the Treasurer to Discount with Tho^s Odiorne Esq £86 14 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ being the Tax of Stephen Hollands part of Jotham Odiornes Right in sundry Towns in this State for the year 1779

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Maj^r Ge^o Gains £10 10 N. Emission being the Amount of his Act^t for Wood, Candles &c for the use of the Gen^l Assembly at Portsmouth

Ordered the Treas^r to let Mr Noah Emery Jun^r have six hundred pounds N Emission for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Capt. Eliphalet Giddinge Coms^y Gen^l of Beef Cattle have out of the Treasury four hundred & fifty pounds in Bills of the new Emission towards purchasing the Beef Cattle which Portsmouth & New Castle were to procure & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Col^o Tho^s Bartlett have out of the Treasury Seventy five pounds New Emission for Mark How Surgeon to be accounted for out of the Pay Roll when made up

SATURDAY NOV^r 18th 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to let Noah Emery Esq have £125 new Emission towards printing the Laws and for which he is to be accountable

The Hon^{ble} President certified that Sam^l Torry who was drafted by the Town of Campton for the three months Service hath paid the fine required by Law for not attending that Service and is discharged agreeable to a Vote of the General Assembly

Appointed & desired Maj^r George Gains Esq^r to carry into Execution a Vote of the General Assembly relative to the repairs of the fort at Piscataqua Harbour

FRIDAY 24th NOV^r 1780 Ordered the Treasurer to Let Capt Eliph^t Giddinge have out of the Treasury one thousand Dollars New Emmission towards purchasing Beef for the use of the State

25 Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of Jacob Joy for shoeing Continental horses Amounting to Eleven pounds three shillings & six pence in Bills of the new Emission

Ordered the Treasurer to let Tho^s Bickford Coms^y have out of the Treas^y Sixty pounds in bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

State of }
New Hampshire } In Com^{tee} of Safety Novem^r 25th 1780

To Nicholas Gilman Esq R G—

The Com^{tee} are under an absolute necessity to direct you to Issue to the Board of War on the order they already have on you four thousand pounds in Bills of the new Emission Your not having the sufficient Quantity of Bills of the former Emissions to lay by agreeable to Resolve of Congress & Act of this State notwithstanding But as soon as Bills of the said Old Emission comes into the Treasury you are to lay them by in lien of the said four thousand ponnds

Ordered the Treasurer to let Major Ge^o Gains Esq have out of the Treasury one hundred & twenty pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

NOV^r 30th THURSDAY The Com^{tee} met according to Adjournment

Simeon Sandborn & Winthrop Fifield both of Salisbury in the State of New Hampshire became bound & obligated to see Joshua Snow forthcoming on the twenty seventh day of December next at which time he is to appear before the General Court—Also certified that the aforesaid Joshua Snow have liberty to pass and

repass any Town or parish within said State untill the twenty seventh day of Decem^{br} next at which time he is to appear before the General Court

NOVEMBER 29th 1780 R^d Sundry Letters & had the Same under Consideration

DECEMBER 1st 1780 Ordered the R G to pay Cap^t Samuel Atkinson £3 1 6 the Balance of his Account for Wheat supply'd Maj^r Whitcomb Corps

ordered the R G to let Cap^t Eliph^t Ladd have out of the Treasurer 26/ in bills of the new Emission for so much lost by him in Inter^t All^d the Treasurer on a sum he re^d there

ordered the R G to pay Simeon Ladd his Account for Boarding state prisoners to this day Amounting to £34 19 6 N. Emission

ordered the R G to let Noah Emery Esq^r have out of the Treasury £125 in bills of the New Emission to be Accounted for by him

DEC^r 2^d Passed & Settled the Account of M^r John Taylor Gilman as Commis^r to Hartford to meet Com^{rs} from several other States

DECEMBER 9th 1780—Desired Capt E—Giddinge Collector Gen^l of Beef Cattle to call upon M^r Martin to forward, all the Beef Cattle which he can collect, to Exeter

DECEMBER 14th 1780 The Committee met and had several things under Consideration

15th ordered the Receiver General to pay William Heath A Soldier Eighteen pounds in the new Bills in Lien of one Note for so much due to him for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Maj^r Benjⁿ Whitcomb have twelve pounds new Emission towards his Purchases &c for which he is to be accountable

DECEM^r 16th 1780. ordered the R G to Issue to the Board of War 15-00 Dollars of the New Emission, to Enable them to send forward Waggons with Cloathing Rum &c to the Army—there not being the requisite sum of the Old Currency laid by in the Treasury notwithstanding

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Pearson his Account for Sundries for the Use of said State amounting to one pound twelve shillings & eight pence one farthing in Bills of the new Emission

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Cap^t E. Giddinge have out of the Treasury one hundred & twenty pounds in Bills of the new Emission for which he is accountable

WEDNES^{dy} JANUARY 31st 1781.—The Committee of Safety met and took into consideration the request of Maj^r B. Whitcomb.

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount two hundred & twenty five pounds with the Selectmen of Barrington, being Bounties & travel money to Soldiers for the defence of Rhode Island: also three hundred & sixty pounds, Bounties paid to sundry Soldiers inlisted in one of the New Hamps^r Regiments in the Continental Army for one year

THURSDAY FEB^y 1. Ordered the Treasurer to let Maj Benj^a Whitcomb have out of the Treasury thirty pounds New Emission to procure Supplies to forward his Corps to the Continental Army; and for which he is to be accountable

The President wrote to General Washington respecting the hard money to be sent forward by M^r Jewett also to Col^o Clapp & Maj^r Child inclosing a Copy of a Vote requiring the several Agents who have been employed to purchase provisions & stores for the Continental Troops to make monthly Returns &c also to the Pay Master Gen^l & to the pay Masters of the New Hampsh^r Line, inclosing Copies of a Vote "requesting that any Sum or Sums of money due to those men who engaged in Continental Service from this State the year past for the term of six months, may be paid into the hands of M^r Jedediah Jewett" &c

Directed M^r Jewett to take out of the 27,000 Dollars, for which he had an Order on the Treasurer, such sum as may be necessary to defray his Expences to the Army; and to make return of his doings as soon as may be after his arrival at Camp—also desired him to proceed with all due caution untill he shall arrive at Hartford in the State of Connecticut, and that if he should not find there some trusty Guard (or other persons who may be relied on) bound to the Army and with whom he could keep Company he was directed to hire a suitable & sufficient Guard to proceed with him

TUESDAY FEB^y 6th 1781—took into consideration the request of Sundry Soldiers now at home on furlow, for whom, part of the money, to be sent forward to the Army was design'd; Ordered M^r Jedediah Jewett SubClothier & Commissary to deliver one thousand Dollars New Emission to M^r John Taylor Gilman to be applyd by him for the above purpose & for which he is to be accountable. Also desired M^r Jn^o T. Gilman to deliver, to those Soldiers inlisted for the War & now at Home on furlow, twenty five Dollars Each of the New Emission, out of the money which he shall receive of M^r Jedediah Jewett taking their receipts for the same

Wrote to Col^o Peabody requesting him to furnish M^r Jewett, who is going to Head Quarters, with a Continental Horse (if such an one he hath in his possession) which he is to deliver to such Quarter Master as he shall be directed

Ordered the Treasurer to pay M^r Jedediah Jewett thirty three Dollars of the new Emission being in part of his pay for Settling Soldiers Depreciation—and for which he is to be accountable

WEDNESDAY FEB^y 7th 1781 Desired Will^m Parker Esq to Discount with Col^o Evans for two thousand & one hundred pounds of Beef at four Dollars & an half per pound with Interest on the same from 30 Nov^r 1780 out of the Note due to this State for Land purchased of Capt Sam^l Gilman.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll of Capt Eben^r Dearings Matross Company for the month of January amounting to thirty pounds sixteen shillings & five pence in Bills of the New Emission —also his pay Roll of Invalids stationed at Fort Washington amounting to eight shillings and five pence half penny in Bills of the new Emission

THURSDAY FEB^y 8th 1781—Ordered the Treasurer to pay Lieut Luke Woodbury thirty pounds in Bills of the new Emission in part towards Depreciation, which is to be endorsed on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to let Gen^l John Stark have out of the Treasury Sixty pounds in bills of the new Emission for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to let Col^o George Reed have out of the Treasury forty five pounds in bills of the new Emission which is to be endorsed on his first Note for Depreciation

Wrote to sundy Towns who are delinquent in paying Taxes. for Copy See p. 50

Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Capt Sam^l Cherry thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission & endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lient Joseph Mills twenty two pounds ten shillings in bills of the new Emission & Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt David M^cGregore thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission and endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

The President wrote to sundry delinquent Towns, urging the absolute necessity of their paying into the Treasury those Sums which are Due for Taxes

FRIDAY FEB^y 9th 1781—Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with M^r Andrew Drew Constable of Durham Six hundred & Sixty two pounds, being an Order drawn by General Sullivan on said State in favor of M^r Drew for the aforesaid Sum, for which s^d Sullivan is to be account^{ble}

Ordered the Treas^r to let Capt Josiah Gilman have & receive, out of the Treasury thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission being in part of his pay for settling Soldiers Depreciation, & for which is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Isaac Frye thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission and endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Wrote to Col^o Timothy Ellis One of the Muster Masters &c desiring him to procure (by hire) on the best terms he can, some suitable place or places for Barracks for said Recruits (unless some person or persons will take said recruits into their houses & dress their Victuals without much Expence to the State—Also desired him to call on Francis Blood Esq for a Supply of provisions, and to issue the same to said Recruits (agreeable to a Vote &c &c) Also desired him to Administer (to each Recruit which he shall muster) an Oath agreeably to the inclosed form Also similar Orders to Gen^l Nichols

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Alex^{dr} Scammel forty five pounds in bills of the New Emission and to endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Wrote to Col^o Hunt—See page 48 Copies of Letters &c

Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Capt Daniel Livermore, Capt Jason Wait and Maj^r Will^m Scott Each thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission & endorse the same on their first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Tho^s Speed three pounds in bills of the new Emission & endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Wrote Sam^l Livermore Esq to inform him that Gen^l Bellows had declined to go as Delegate to Congress

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq desiring him to deliver to General Moses Nichols & Col^o Timothy Ellis Muster Masters &c such quantities of provisions as they shall require, taking their receipts for the same to be issued to the Recruits rais'd by this State

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Fullington three pounds in bills of the new Emission and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

The Account of the late Col^o Stephen Peabody to musterr^g & pay^g travel^g money to—men was adjusted, allow'd & settled & the Ballance amounting three hundred & ninety nine pounds nine shillings old Emission was paid into the Treasury as P^r the Treasurers Receipt

SATURDAY FEB^y 10th 1781—Desired M^r Emery Ass^t D^y Q M to cause all necessary provisions to be delivered, Barracks & all other necessaries to be supplied, to such of the Recruits (raised or to be raised in this State) as are ordered to Rendezvous at this place

Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Lient Will^m M. Bell thirty pounds in bills of the New Emission and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to let Capt Eliph^t Giddinge Coll^r Gen^l of Beef have and receive out of the Treasury three hundred pounds towards purchasing Casks, Salt &c and for which he is to be accountable

The President wrote the following letter To his Excel^y Pres^{dt} Huntington

Exeter Feby 10th 1781

Sir

I have received your letters of the 9th 13th ult^o with several resolves of Congress inclosed,—when the General Court convenes which will be on the second Wednesday on next month) the same will be laid before them and every Nerve will without doubt be exerted to comply with the requisitions as far as the State is able—It appears to me that the situation of our finances is such at present, that we can by no means fully satisfy the Demands upon us.—Our funds have already been exhausted in a manner of which Congress may not be altogether apprized—To set matters respecting this State in a clearer point of light, I shall mention several things, that at present occur to my mind—Money has never been so plenty here as in the Commercial States, and of late has been scarcer than at any other time since the commencement of the War, insomuch that we have not been able to issue any more than 75,000 Dollars of the new Emission, which sum has been far inadequate to the demands for supporting the War—Our distance from the Army is such, that the driving the Cattle & Horses, transporting Rum, Powder &c has proved very expensive indeed—The quantity of Beef required of this State last year was 1120,000 lb—of which there has been sent forward 1021,820 lb (some has been used within the State, and some now remains on hand salted) The Horses were likewise procured & sent forward agreeably to requisition—Our punctuality in supplying with nearly what has been required, has necessarily occasioned the cost of driving &c to be proportionably large—

I have not before me the aggregate of the Costs for driving & transporting, but know the Sum must be very great—which money has been paid to M^r Emery the Assistant Dep^y Q^r Master in this State—As we have had neither Forage Masters, nor Continental Stables within this State, a heavy Charge has accrued on that account, which has hitherto been borne by the State.—

A few days since 25,000 Dollars of the new Emission was sent by this State to be exchanged for Specie, to be paid the troops of the New Hampshire line at Camp, in such manner as his Excellency the Commander in Chief shall direct, or in case the Exchange cannot be effected, then it was ordered, that the said Bills be carried to the Army instead of the Specie—

Large sums have been advanced by this State to forward on their six months & three months men to Camp—We have had to pay for the Ship *Hampden* &c lost in the *Penobscot* Expedition, and other matters of consequence, too many to be here enumerated.—

As it was not in the power of the State to furnish money from the Treasury to forward the Beef Cattle & Horses pay for transportation &c—They were necessitated to order out of the hands of the Loan Officer the 4/10th of the new Bills lately issued for that purpose, being the part assigned for the use of the Continent—

We are now deeply in Arrears—not a single pay-Roll of our Soldiers for the last Campaign discharged—the money due to the Officers & Soldiers of the New Hampshire Line for Depreciation & other ways (together with many other matters) remains unpaid, for which there are pressing Demands, that cannot at present be satisfied—Add to this the refractory spirit prevailing in the Western part of the State, which clogs the wheels of Government, deprives us of a considerable Sum of the Taxes, which we exceedingly want & involves the lower part of the State to make good the Deficiency—Some of them I understand, for their Justification plead the benefit of the Resolution of Congress of the 24th of Sept^r 1779—which they say directs this State not to exercise Jurisdiction over them—This detail of difficulties, has an unpromising aspect—I presume it would perplex a State much more Opulent than this to extricate itself from similar embarrassments—I think it my duty to acquaint you with these matters, that Congress may be apprized of our circumstances, & from thence judge what assistance may be expected from us—I am &c—

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq—See page 48. Copies, Letters & Instructions &c

Wrote to Col^o Nichols & Col^o Timothy Ellis—See page 49

Adjourned till Monday 9-O'Clock

MONDAY FEB^y 12th 1781 Met according to Adjournm^t

Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Serj^t William Lang seven pounds ten shillings and to endorse the same on James Cochran's first Note for Depreciation

Wrote to Col^o Jabez Hatch concerning a Continental Stable See p. 49 &c

TUESDAY 13th FEB^y 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Ensign John Harvy twenty pounds in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

WEDNESDAY 14th FEB^y 1781—Ordered Col^o Samuel Folsom Muster-Master, to Admidister an Oath (Copy of which was sent him) to those Soldiers which he should muster to fill up this States quota of the Continental Army

THURSDAY FEB^y 15th 1781 Ordered the Treasurer to pay to Lieut Bezaleel Howe absent 4 years thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission & to endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to pay to Joseph Potter absent 4 years thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Gave Instructions to Lieut Bezaleel Howe, One of the recruiting Officers from the Line of this State—See page 51. Copy of Letters

FRIDAY FEB^y 16th 1781. Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Lieut Archibald Stark twenty two pounds ten shillings in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

The Com^{tee} spent part of this, and the preceeding day in consulting with a Com^{tee} of Officers from the Army

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 17th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to Pay to Ensign Robert B. Wilkins twenty two pounds ten shillings in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Desired Sam^l Gilman Esq to draw an Order on Mess^{rs} Cabots in favor of the Board of War for twenty five thousand pounds old Emission to be Indorsed on the Note which he has against them &c—And if payment is obtained he is to be allowed therefor by this State

Desired Joseph Gilman Esq to make out the Account of this State against the United States for transportation &c—See p. 51

Desired Capt E. Giddinge to settle his Account for Driving Cattle to the Army p. 52. Copy of L^{tr}

Adjourn'd till Thursday next

ON FRIDAY 23^d OF FEBRUARY 1781. But three being present, (by reason of a heavy Storm of Snow & Rain) were obliged to write to the President by Captⁿ Moody Dustin manifesting their approbation of his signing two inclosed Orders on the Treasurer, one in favor of Capt Moody Dustin for forty five pounds in bills of the new Emission to be Endorsed on his first Note for Depreciation, and the other in favor of Lieut George P. Frost for fifteen pounds in bills of the new Emission to be Endorsed on his first Note for Depreciation

MARCH 1st 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Will^m M. Bell thirty pounds in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ensign Jonathan Perkins or his Order twelve pounds in bills of the new Emission and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

1. MARCH 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with Col^o Noah Lovewell in behalf of the Selectmen of Dunstable Seventy two pounds old Emission, being travel money paid John French

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Noah Lovewell fifteen shillings in bills of the New Emission being the amount of his Account for Expenses & mustering sundry Soldiers as per Account will appear

MARCH 2^d 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Maj^r Benjⁿ Titcomb sixty pounds in bills of the new Emission & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Roll of the Matross Company stationed at Piscataqua Harbour also the pay Roll of Invalids for the month of February 1781 amounting to twenty eight pounds seven shillings and five pence new Currency

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Nathan Weare twenty two pounds ten shillings new Currency & to endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Neal M^cGaffee thirty pounds new Currency & Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Simeon Ladd Goal-Keeper fifty eight pounds thirteen shillings new Currency being the Amount of his Account, for dieting &c sundry Continental Soldiers to the first of March 1781

Desired Col^o Supply Clapp to make out the Account of this State against the United States for Supplys to the Continental Troops &c See page 52 Copy of Letters

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Sam^l Whittier thirty shillings new Currency & to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

MARCH 2^d 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Captⁿ Benjⁿ Whittier thirty six pounds in bills of the new Emission in part towards the pay Roll of his Company of three months men

Adjourn'd till Wednesday next—

MARCH 7th WEDNESDAY met according to Adjournment

THURSDAY MARCH 8th Ordered the Treasurer to let M^r John Taylor Gilman have out of the Treasury One hundred & twenty five Dollars New Emission, which he is to pay to those Soldiers (to each twenty five Dollars) who are at Home on furlow.

Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with Obadiah Clemons Constable for Warren One thousand & five hundred pounds old Emission

being so much paid to Major Child by order of the Committee of Safety, agreeable to his Receipt of the 10th of Oct^o 1780 for supplying the Troops at the Westward

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay to the Hon^{ble} John McClary Esq in behalf of Maj^r Amos Morrill twenty one pounds in bills of the new Emission & Endorse the same on his (Maj^r Morrills) first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to Charge this State in his Gen^l Account with the Sum of Nine pounds one shilling & six pence New Currency being in full of his Account rendered this day for Wood &c supplyd for the use of the Gen^l Court & Committee of Safety

FRIDAY MARCH 9th 1781 Wrote to Gen^l Nichols & to Col^o Ellis See page 52—Copy of Letters &c

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq—See page 53

Gave Instructions to Samuel Wells Serj^t Maj^r See page 53

SATURDAY THE 7th OF APRIL 1781 In Com^{tee} of Safety—Ordered the Treas^r not to Issue his Warrants against the Constable of Warner till further Order of the Committee of Safety or Gen^l Court

Authorized & requested The Hon^{ble} Charles Johnston Esq & M^r James Woodward to Rent out for the present, the improved Lands of Absentees and the Subjects of Great Britain lying within the County of Grafton See page 55—Copy of Letters

THURSDAY 12th OF APRIL 1781—Appointed M^r Eliphalet Hale Inspector of Shoes within the Town of Exeter—See page 55.

Appointed Lieut Col^o Samuel Chase to Rent out the improved Lands of Absentees in the County of Hillsborough. See page 56 Copy of Letters

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Isaac Frye Seventy six pounds ten shillings: Rob^t B. Wilkins Nine pounds: Capt Moses Dustin Seven pounds ten shillings: L^t Neal McAffee Seven pounds ten shillings: & Lieut M^r Bell seven pounds ten shillings and Endorse the same on their first Notes for Depreciation

FRIDAY APRIL 13th Appointed M^r George Dame Inspector of Shoes within the Town of Portsm^o See page 55—Copy of Letters & Instructions

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Nathan Weare seven pounds ten shillings & Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to Let M^r John Taylor Gilman have one hundred Dollars New Emission towards paying those Officers & Soldiers who are upon the half pay Roll & for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to Capt Eben^r Dearing—See page 56—Copy Lett

SATURDAY 14th APRIL 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Cap^t Josiah Gilman fifty pounds new Emission in part towards his Account as Com^{tee} on Claims and for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to the Hon^{ble} John Wentworth Jun^r Esq. respecting his being Chosen Delegate—See page 57 Copy Lett

Ordered that the Proclamation for a fast should be printed & sent to the several worshipping Assemblies in this State &c

The Several Towns &c notified that the Rolls of the six months men cannot be made up untill the discharges are returned to the Committee on Claims &c

WEDNESDAY APRIL 18th Ordered the Treas^r to Let M^r John T. Gilman have Sixty pounds in Bills of the new Emission to pay to Soldiers twenty five Dollars each & for which he is to be accountable

THURSDAY APRIL 19th Ordered the Treas^r to pay L^t Joseph Mills twenty seven pounds twelve shillings new Emission, being the Ballance due on his first Note for Depreciation & Endorse the same on said Note which he is to take up

Gave Instructions to Lt Col^o Sam^l Chase respecting Farms of Absentees Copy page 57

Wrote to Col^o T. Ellis, to Commanding Officer of the Reg^t lately Comm^d by the Hon^{ble} Benjⁿ Bellows, to Col^o Morey to Col^o Jon^a Chase, and to Col^o D^d Webster See page 58

Appointed Moses Dow Esq. Commissary of Purchases See page 58 & 59

Appointed Lieut Jonathan Ring Issuing Commissary to the two Companies to be raised for the defence of the western frontiers—See page 60

Wrote to Col^o Charles Johnston See page 60

FRIDAY APRIL 20th Wrote to Gen^l Bellows See page 61

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Corp^l Benjⁿ Dodge twenty five Dollars new Emission & Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to Let Capt Eliph^t Giddinge Collec^{tr} Gen^l have three hundred pounds new Emission towards purchasing Salt, Casks &c & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to pay Serj^t Lang & Corp^l Nevins what they shall think reasonable for their taking up two Deserters

APRIL 20th 1781 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Caleb Aldrich ten pounds eight shillings & nine pence New Emission being the Ballance due on his two first notes for Depreciation with the Interest and take up said Notes

SATURDAY APRIL 21st Ordered the Treas^r to Let M^r Jedidiah Jewett have Sixty pounds new Emission towards his pay as Sub Clothier & Commissary agreeable to a Vote of the Gen^l Court that his wages &c should be paid Quarterly

Ordered M^r Williams Iss^g Com^y to deliver provisions to Oliver Thurstin of the 2^d New Hampshire Regiment agreeable to a Vote of the Gen^l Court

The President wrote to Matthew Pattin & Thomas Sparhawke Esq^s Judges of Probate of Wills &c See page 61

THURSDAY APRIL 26th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Col^o Dearborn 3/4 of the nominal Sum of his first Note for Depreciation amounting to £138 Entered p. 42 B^k Accts

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ensign John Harvey Seven pounds ten shillings new currency (he being at home on furlough) and to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation—Entered p. 23—Council Min^{tes}

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ensign Moses Page Seven pounds ten shillings new Currency (he being at home on furlough) and to Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation—Entered p. 23—Coun^{cl} Min^{tes}

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Caleb Robinson Seven pounds ten shillings being so much advanced by Vote of Court for conducting Recruits from Exeter to Camp

FRIDAY APRIL 27th Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Capt Caleb Robinson four Guns, four Bayonets, & four Cartridge Boxes with necessary ammunition for the Recruits under marching Order & charge the same to the Continent

Wrote to M^r Jedidiah Jewett See page 62

FRIDAY MAY 4th Gave Instructions to Captⁿ Eben^r Dearing commanding Officer at Piscataqua Harbour—See p. 62 Cp^y L^{tt}

Committed one John Lawrence (sent to Exeter by L^t Hub^d Carter a Continental Officer) to Goal on suspicion of being a Deserter.

Wrote to Col^o Henry Dearborn respecting a Warrant drawn by the President of Congress also respecting money in M^r Jewetts hands—See page 63 Copy of Let^r

Wrote M^r Jewett concerning money in his hands See page 64—Copy of Letters

SATURDAY MAY 5th Ordered the Treasury to let M^r Noah Emery have sixty pounds new Currency towards purchasing flour & paying Wid^o Hill for barracking Soldiers &c And for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Gilman Esq: twelve pounds fifteen shillings being the amount of his Account for firewood supplied the Gen^l Court & Com^{tee} to the 5th May 1781

THURSDAY MAY 10th 1781 Deliver'd a Regimental Colour and Standard to Lt Col^o Henry Dearborn and for which he gave his receipt

Information being given to this Committee by Mr Ladd, that one John Lawrance committed to Goal as a Deserter, had a mind to discover some secrets; received his written confession, which was read, and appointed tomorrow for his Examination

FRIDAY MAY THE 11th 1781, Ordered the Goal keeper Mr Ladd to produce John Lawrance for Examination who was examined concerning sundry matters

Received several Letters from the Hon^{ble} President of Congress, viz^t. A Circular Letter of the 15th April, enclosing a Resolve of Congress of the 13th Instant, directing the Commander in Chief to transmit to the several States, Lists of the names of all the New Levies belonging to each State: A Circular Letter of the 19th April enclosing an Ordinance for establishing Courts for the Trial of Piracies & Felonies committed on the high Seas: A Letter of the 20th of April, acquainting that the State of New Hampshire is unrepresented in Congress: Also a Circular Letter of the 21 April with a general view of the public debts due from the United States

SATURDAY MAY 12th 1781 Adjourn'd till Friday next

FRIDAY MAY 18th 1781—Ordered the Treasurer to pay Captⁿ Ebenezer Dearing fifty one pounds fourteen shillings and three pence New Emission being the amount of the Pay Rolls of the Matross Company & Company of Invalids for the month of April stationed on Piscataqua River

Rec'd a Letter from the Hon^{ble} the President of Congress with a Copy of a Resolve of Congress enclosed, "recommending to the "States to which they respectively belong to make up the Depreciation of their pay according to the real value of their Wages at "the time of their establishment to the Officers and men now, or "late of the Regiment of Artificers commanded by Col^o Baldwin"

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue to the Board of War a State Note in favor of the person whom they shall request, the sum of three thousand three hundred & seventy five pounds Old Emission payable in one year and for which they are to be accountable

SATURDAY MAY 19th Ordered the Treasurer to pay Mr Peter Folsom Eight pounds New Currency & Endorse the same on Lient Jonathan Perkins first Note for Depreciation which is now in the hands of said Folsom.

Ordered Mr John Taylor Gilman to pay Daniel McMurphy twenty five Dollars New Emission to be accounted for out of what may be due to him for Depreciation as a wounded Soldier on half pay

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Thomas Odiorne Esq One pound eight shillings & six pence New Currency being the Amount of his Account for sending an Express to Dover to carry Proclamations Acts &c

Permitted Simeon Ladd Goalkeeper to grant the liberty of the Town of Exeter to John Lawrance but not to go without the Bounds of said Town, he finding sufficient Bondsmen for his appearance when called for

adjournd till Thursday next

THURSDAY MAY 24th 1781 Took into consideration Whether Capt Samuel Gilman should receive the old Continental Dollars of Mess^{rs} Cabbots

FRIDAY MAY 25th Ordered the Treasurer to Let Lieut Bezaleel Howe have thirty pounds New Emission as a recruiting Officer & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Wendell Esq forty six pounds ten shillings New Currency and endorse the same on Lieut Ebenezer Lights first Note for Depreciation now in the hands of said Wendell

In consequence of Information from General Washington by General Heath of the distresses of the Army for want of Provisions—wrote to Capt Giddinge and Francis Blood Esq Coll^r Gen^{ls} of Beef—See page 65 66

Wrote to Col^o Samuel Hunt—See page 66—Copy of Letters

SATURDAY 26th MAY Ordered the Treasurer to pay Lient Joshua Merrow Seven pounds ten shilling New Currency for conducting Recruits to the Army pursuant to a Vote of the Gen^l Court.

After Examination had of a person by the name of Jason Tyler who said he belonged to Wallingford in the State of Connecticut, and who was apprehended on suspicion of being inimical to the United States of America—Wrote to His Excellency Governor Trumbull respecting the aforesaid Jason Tyler; Also gave Orders to Lient Joshua Merrow concerning said Tyler & one John Lawrance a Deserter from the Connecticut Line. See page 67 & 68—Copy Let^{rs} Instr^{ts} &c

THURSDAY MAY 31st Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Account of M^r Simeon Ladd amounting to forty six pounds two shillings & nine pence new Currency for Boarding State Prisoners

FRIDAY JUNE 1st 1781 Ordered the Treasurer to let the Board of War have twenty pounds seven shillings & nine pence three farthings new Currency for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Joseph Cilley one hundred pounds new Currency and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to let Noah Emery Jun^r Ass^t Coms^y Pur^{ch} have one hundred pounds new Cur^{ry} towards forwarding Beef Cattle to Camp & for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY JUNE 2^d Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lt Joseph Boynton thirty pounds new Currency & Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Lt Joshua Merrow, two Guns, two Bayonets & two Cartridge Boxes, with necessary ammunition for the Recruits under marching Orders & charge the same to the Continent

Ordered Simeon Ladd Goal keeper, to Deliver into the Custody of Lient Joshua Merrow, Jason Tyler and John Lawrance now under his Charge

adjournd till Thursday next

FRIDAY JUNE 8th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay to Capt Ebenezer Dearing Ninety four pounds eight shillings and one penny New Currency being the Amount of his pay Rolls for the month May

Ordered Capt Ebenezer Dearing to permit M^r William Traill (he having arrived in a Flag from Bermuda) to come on shore untill further Order of the General Court or Com^{tee} of Safety he giving his word & Honor the will not say, do, or act any thing against the Interest of any of the thirteen United States of America—

Whereas M^r Will^m Nainby, who is arrived in a Flag of Truce from Bermuda, has represented by a Letter to this Com^{tee} that his vessel, by reason of a heavy gale of wind, is rendered unfit to return; Directed Capt Ebenezer Dearing to permit the said Nainby to come on shore and enter his Protest in common form and then to return on board immediately—upon his so doing—Capt Eben^r Dearing is to permit such repairs to be made as he shall think necessary for her safe return to Bermuda

This Committee being informed that Col^o Theophilus Dame has an Execution put into his hands by Capt Sam^l Gilman, to be served on Col^o Stephen Evans for a debt that is due to this State—it is the Opinion of this Committee that it be advisable to stay the serving of said execution untill the Sitting of the General Assembly

SATURDAY JUNE 9th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Z^h Fowle thirty seven pounds & seven pence half penny new Currency being the amount of his Account for printing sundry Precepts for call-Convention, Proclamations, Acts &c

Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Sam^l Odlin eighteen shillings new Currency being the amount of his account as an Express to Dover in the night on the 15th Sept^r 1776

Information being given to this Com^{tee}, that one John Waldron Smith of Raymond had uttered words inimical to the United States of America, Ordered said Smith of Raymond to be apprehended and brought before the General Court or Com^{tee} of Safety

THURSDAY JULY 5th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with Junia Ingraham Jun^r—Collector for Dorchester one hundred & eighty pounds Continental money of the old Emission being so much paid Maj^r Jonathan Child as $\frac{2}{3}$ Receipt

Gave a Permit to Joel Whitney, in the Schooner Resolution, to export about three hundred Bushels of Corn from the Port of Piscataqua to Machias

Wrote to Capt Moses Woodward Coms^y Prisoners. See p. 70 also gave Orders to Gen^l Folsom relative to Travel money See page 70

Ordered the Treasurer to pay James Sherrer Six pounds in bills of the new Emission & Endorse the same on his first Note Depreciation

Gave Instructions to Lieut Joseph Huntoon Respecting Deserters See page 70

JULY 5th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to let Lt Joseph Huntoon have nine pounds new Emission to enable him to apprehend Deserters & for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY JULY 6th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt John Odlin Eighteen shillings new Emission being the Amount of his Account for a Journey of his horse to Newbury Port

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq relative to Beef &c See page 71

Wrote to the Selectmen of Portsmouth respecting Rum—See page 72—Copy of Let^{rs} & Instructions

Adjourned till Thursday 3 O'Clock

THURSDAY JULY 12th 1781 Appointed Thursday next to hear the Dispute between New Markett & Stratham about double Returns, also the Dispute between New Markett & Northwood

Ordered the Treasurer & Noah Emery Esq to break up or separate the Types & Flowers with which Bills have been printed and deliver the same to M^r Daniel Fowle

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Account of M^r Simeon Ladd amounting to three pounds twelve shillings new Emission being for a journey, time, Horse-hire and Expences in apprehending one Jason Tyler

Desired M^r Emery to receive Beef Cattle & See page 73

FRIDAY JULY 13th 1781 Ordered that the dispute between Nottingham & Gilmantown about William Willey a Soldier be

heard on Friday next at which time they are to produce all the Evidence they can in order that the same may be determined.

SATURDAY JULY 14th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Josiah Gilman forty pounds new Emission being in part of his Account which was referred to the Committee of Safety for Adjustment & for which he is to be accountable.

State of New Hamp^r In Committee of Safety Exeter July 14th 1781

To Thomas Peavy, Daniel Peavy David Watson and Josiah Durgin all of Rochester in s^d State.—

You are hereby required to make your appearance without fail before this Committee at s^d Exeter on Friday next at 10 o'Clock in the forenoon to answer to a Charge exhibited against you by Lieut Joseph Boynton

Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett State Clothier and Coms^y one hundred & eighty pounds new Emission in part towards his Wages & for which he is to be accountable; Also one hundred & twenty pounds like money towards paying Gratuities to Soldiers and for which he is to be accountable

THURSDAY JULY 19th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to Discount seventy two pounds Old Currency being travel money paid Stephen Harris from said Dublin to Coos

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the account of Robert Fletcher Esq amounting to Six pounds nineteen shillings & six pence new Currency for an Express to Exeter in the year 1779

Ordered the Treasurer to let Gen^l John Stark have sixty pounds new Currency (he having receivd Orders from his Excellency Gen^l Washington to repair to Saratoga to take Command at said place) and for which he is to be accountable.

Directed Stephen Harriman Esq not to call on Gen^l Stark for payment of three Lotts of Land laying in Dunbarton &c See page 73—Copy Lett^{rs} Instruct^{ns}

FRIDAY JULY 20th 1781 Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Constable of Nottingham Six hundred & one pounds fifteen shillings old Currency being the Ballance due to Josiah Goodhue on Capt Sam^l Runnalss pay Roll & Endorse the same on the Order given for the pay of said Roll—also Six hundred & twenty four pounds one shilling old Currency being the Ballance due to Gilman Clough on the aforesaid Pay Roll & Endorse the same on the aforesaid Order—

Took into consideration the Rescue of Josiah Durgin—Ordered that he wait the further Orders of this Committee

FRIDAY JULY 20th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Captⁿ Ebenezer Dearing one hundred & thirty four pounds six shillings &

one penny half penny new Currency being the amount of the pay Roll of his Matross Company & company of Invalids for the month of June 1781

Gave Capt Dearing Orders to stop the Wages of sundry Deserters See page 73—Copy Lett^s & Instr^s

Gave Captⁿ Dearing Directions relative to Court Martials. See P—74

Ordered the Treas^r to Let Captⁿ Eliphalet Giddinge have one hundred & fifty pounds new Currency for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq relative to sending forward Beef Cattle &c See page 74—Copy of Lett^r & Inst

SATURDAY JULY 21—1781 Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Coll^r Gen^l of Beef Cattle to Deliver ten Barrels of Salted Beef to Col^o Supply Clapp Coms^r of Purchas for the use of the Troops stationed for the Defence of Piscataqua Harbour.

Ordered the Treas^r to let Col^o Supply Clapp Coms of Purchases have three hundred pounds new Emission for which he is to be accountable

This day Col^o Hubbard appeared before this Committee and inform'd them that there were sundry Pay Rolls & also a Ballance of money remaining in his hands & desired to know what should be done with them

Upon which this Committee gave it as their Opinion, that they remain at present as they are

Ordered the Loan Officer to let Noah Emery Jun^r have three hundred pounds new Emission towards forwarding beef Cattle to the Army and for which he is to be accountable

THURSDAY JULY 26th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ensign Bradley Richards eighteen pounds new Emission and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Serj^t Aaron Copp twelve pounds new Emission and Endorse the same on his first Note for Depreciation

FRIDAY JULY 27th Appointed M^r John Balch a Postrider for the term of three months and agreed with said Balch to set out from Portsmouth on Saturday morning & to ride to Haverhill by the way of Conway Plymouth, thence down the River to Charlestown, Keene & to Portsmouth again every fourteen days during said term—For which Service he shall receive the sum of Seventy hard Dollars or paper money Equivalent—See page 75—Copy Lett^r Inst^r &c

SATURDAY 28th JULY 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to let M^r John Balch have thirty pounds new Emission to enable him to ride as a Post and for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to the following Col^{os} Timothy Ellis-Com^{dr} of the late Col^o Bellows Regt Israel Morey, Jon^a Chase & David Webster—respecting the men to be raised for the Defence of the western frontiers, See page 76—Copy Lett^r Instructions &c

Wrote to Col^o Samuel Hunt respecting his Appointment as Assistant Deputy Quarter Master—See page 77—Lett^r &c

Ordered the Treas^r to let Mr John Balch have three hundred pounds new Emission which he is to deliver to Col^o Samuel Hunt to enable him the said Hunt to send forward the beef Cattle to the Army and for which he is to be Accountable

THURSDAY AUGUST 2^d 1781 One John Sinclere Gibson was brought before this Committee on suspicion of being inimical to the United States of America—After examination, was Committed to Goal untill further Order of this Committee or untill he should be discharged by due Course of Law

FRIDAY AUGUST 3^d 1781—Receivd a Letter from Commissary Bickford relative to damag'd Beef &c—Receivd a Letter from Capt Dearing relative to difficulties at the Forts; Also a Petition from Matross Company &c

A circular Letter from the Hon^{ble} President of Congress, inclosing an Act of Congress respecting French Seamen, was received also one from each of the Delegates of this State

Wrote to Tho^s Bickford Coms^y of Issues respecting damag'd Beef &c See Copy Let^{rs} &c page 78

Wrote an answer to a Petition from the Soldiers at the Forts at Piscataqua Harbour See page 78—Copy &c

SATURDAY AUGUST 4th Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Col^r Gen Beef Cattle to Deliver twelve Barrels of Salted Beef to Col^o S—Clapp Coms^y Purchases for the use of the Troops stationed at the forts for the Defence of Piscataqua.

THURSDAY AUGUST 9th this Committee took into consideration the Petition of the Inhabitants of the Town Conway & others relative to the distressed situation of sundry Towns on the Western frontiers

A Letter from Capt. Jeremiah Eames, relative to Soldiers being sent for their protection, was received

FRIDAY 10th AUGUST—A Letter from Col^o Tim^{thy} Ellis was received relative to Vermont

Ordered the Treasurer to let Mr John Taylor Gilman have three hundred pounds New Emission towards paying those Officers & Soldiers who are upon the half-pay Roll & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Collector of Orford Six thousand one hundred & ninety Dollars old Currency towards taxes for the year 1779 being so much paid to Maj^r Jon^a Child as per Receipt—Also Eight thousand eight hundred & forty eight Dollars, towards taxes for the year 1780 being so much paid to Maj^r Jon^a Child as per Receipt

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Col^o Page & Joseph Whipple Esq twenty Musketts, two hundred flints, one hundred W^t Powder, & two hundred wt. of Lead for which they are to be accountable.

Wrote to the Inhabitants of the Town of Conway &c in answer to their Petition. See page 79—Copy Lett^{rs}

Gave directions for a Company of thirty men to be raised for the Defence of the western frontiers &c See page 80—Copy L^s also the appointment of a Lieut—See page 81—Copy Lett^{rs}

Desired Col^o Page & Joseph Whipple Esq to procure & deliver the Provisions &c to the men who are to be raised for the Defence of the western frontiers, & that their Account of the Expences thereof should be allowed

Wrote to Col^o Charles Johnston relative to the men raised by Col^o David Webster for the defence of the western frontiers—See page 81 Copy &c

An Act of Congress dated the 23^d of July 1781, to open a Subscription of thirty thousand dollars for the distressed Citizens of South Carolina and Georgia,—An Act of Congress of the 24th of July 1781 appointing Persons to open a Subscription for a Loan,—A Letter from the Hon^{ble} the President of Congress dated the 25th July 1781 relative to an Act of Congress for a Loan,—also a Letter relative to men & Supplies,—A Letter from His Excellency Gen^l Washington dated the 2^d August 1781 respecting the new Levies & Militia required of this State,—A Letter from Samuel Livermore Esq. dated the 24th July 1781 relative to Bills of Exchange &c,—A Letter from Samuel Tufts Esq,—to Tho^s Odiorne Esq respecting John Stinson, also sundry papers respecting R^t Young were received.

SATURDAY AUGst 11th Ordered the Treas^r to let M^r Moses Woodward Coms^y Prisn^{rs} have thirty pounds new Emission for which he is to be accountable—Wrote to Col^o Ellis—See page 82—Copy L

THURSDAY 16th AUGst 1781 A Letter from Tho's Bickford Coms^y Issues respecting damag'd Beef was received

A Letter of the 8th of August from General Stark was rec'd

A Petition from W^m Lovegrove of Nova Scotia, a Prisoner, was received

FRIDAY 17th AUGUST 1781—Ordered M^r Isaac William D^y Is Com to deliver to the Goal keeper, Rations of Provisions for all the Prisoners of War who now are, or may be confined in Goal untill further Order

William Lovegrove of Casco in the Province of Nova Scotia after giving his Parole of honor was permitted to go to Portsmouth and to return to Exeter again when called for

SATURDAY AUGUST 18th Desired Captⁿ Moses Woodard Coms^y Pri^s with the advice of those Gentlemen at Ports^{mo} who belong to the General Court, to grant Paroles of Honor unto those Prisoners of War now at Ports^m whom you & they shall think fit, giving them them the liberty of the Town of Portsmouth untill further Orders

Ordered the Loan Officer to let M^r Noah Emery Jun^r have nine hundred pounds new Emission to enable him to send beef Cattle to Camp and for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to John Hopkins Esq Dep^{ty} Coms^y Gen^l Prisoners See page 83—Copy Let^{rs}

Granted the liberty of the Town of Exeter unto Cap^t John Hawks, he having given his Parole of Honor that he will not say or do, or cause to be said or done any thing against the Interest of the United States of America or either of them, nor go out of said Town without the permission of the General Court or Committee of Safety

Wrote to John Calfe Esq inclosing a Warrant to apprehend Robert Young of Salem—See page 84 Copy Let^{rs}

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 22^d 1781 Ordered the Loan Officer to pay out of the Loan Office to M^r Samuel Trott Six Hundred pounds new Emission, which he the said Trott is to deliver to Col^o Sam^l Hunt to enable him to send forward Beef Cattle to Camp, & for which he the said Col^o S Hunt is to be accountable

THURSDAY SEPT 6th 1781 Granted the liberty of the Town of Exeter to John Sinkler Gibson a Prisoner in Goal until further Orders, He behaving himself as a good Subject of this, & the United States, but not to go out of said Town without the permission of the General Court or Committee of Safety.

FRIDAY SEPT 7th—Heard sundry disputes about double Returns

SATURDAY SEPT 8th Ordered the Committee on Claims to certify to the President the Sum or Sums due to any of the six months men when applyed for agreeably to the Vote of the Gen^l Assembly of the 1st of Sept^r 1781

His Honor the President received two Letters, One from His Excellency General Washington & the other from Gen^l Heath,

upon which the Committee were desired to attend on Tuesday 10 O'Clock

TUESDAY 11th SEPT^r 1781—took into consideration the above mentioned Letters—required the Col^o's to give Orders immediately for the marching of two thirds of the Militia apportioned to their Regiments by an Act of the Gen^l Court of the 4th of July last. See page 86—Copy Letters &c

Wrote to L^t Col^o Daniel Runnels, desiring his attendance at Exeter on Thursday next if possible—See page 85 Copy &c

WEDNESDAY 12th SEPT 1781 Appointed Friday the twenty first of this Ins^t to hear the disputes concerning Robert Livingston, Samuel Boyd, Andrew White & Sam^l Davis Soldiers claimed by sundry Towns

THURSDAY 13th SEPT—Made out a Commission for Daniel Raynolds Esq as L^t Col^o Commandant of the Regiment of Militia raised to reinforce the Continental Army, dated June 28th 1781

Gave Instructions to Daniel Raynolds Esq L^t Col^o Com^{dt} See page 87—Copy Letters &c

Gave a Permit for Patrick Furnace to transport fifty seven Bushels of Grain & 50 Shook Hogsheads in the Schooner Friendship from the Port of Piscataqua to Cape Ann

Appointed Doct^r Page a Surgeon to the Regiment raised to reinforce the Continental Army whereof Daniel Raynolds Esq is L^t Col^o Commandant

FRIDAY 14th SEPT^r Wrote to M^r John White Jun^r of Haverhill relative to Rum See page 87—Copy of Letters &c

SATURDAY 15th SEPT^r Had a Conference with Capt Samuel Gilman relative to sundry Lotts of Land belonging to Absentees in Lime, which were advertized for Sale by the Collector of said Town in the New Hampshire Gazette

THURSDAY 20th SEPT^r Appointed Saturday 6th of October next to hear Double Returns between Somersworth & Wakefield, Kensington & Wakefield Nottingham & Wakefield

FRIDAY 21st SEPT^r Appointed Friday the 5th of October next to hear the disputes about Joseph Smith a Soldier claimed by Boscawen, Plastow Plymouth & Wentworth: Also Joshua Wilson claimed by Goffstown & New Chester postponed untill 19th Oct^o and John Clark claimed by New Chester & Hampstead:

WEDNESDAY SEPT^r 26th The Committee being called together by Express, met, and took into consideration a Letter from General Heath relative to militia; wrote to L^t Col^o Daniel Raynolds See page 88—Copy Letters &c, and gave directions to Capt Gor-

den, sent as Express to Col^o Raynolds at Springfield See page 89 Copy Letters &c

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o John McClary ten Silver Dollars to be delivered to Capt Daniel Gorden an Express sent to Springfield and for which said Gorden is to be accountable—

THURSDAY 27th 1781 Wrote to sundry Colonels relative to the militia, See page 89 Copy Let, To Col^o Samuel Hunt page 90—Francis Blood Esq page 92—Col^o Daniel Raynolds page 93—Gen^l Bellows page 94—Col^o Charles Johnston page 96—Gen^l Heath page 97—

Ordered that the Resolve of Congress of the 7th of August 1781 relative to Vermont be printed, with the order of Com^{tee} thereon, and sent to the several towns in the Counties of Cheshire & Grafton

FRIDAY 28th SEPT—Ordered the Officer appointed to pay the wounded Officers & Soldiers on the half pay Roll, To pay Lt Daniel McMurphey thirty pounds new Emission for which he is to be accountable on said Roll

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Joseph Burt twelve pounds new Emission for his expences in waiting for and forwarding sundry Letters to the western parts of this State.

Appointed this day three weeks to hear the disputes between the Towns of Hampstead & New Chester respecting John Clark—Also the dispute between the Towns of Chester, Sandown & New Chester concerning Peter Wells—likewise the dispute between the Towns of Atkinson & New Chester respecting Sterling Heath

THURSDAY OCT^o 4th Order the Treas^r to pay Capt James Aiken Seven pounds one shilling new Emission, being for his time & expences in making up two pay Rolls

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lt Daniel McMurphy one hundred and eleven pounds two shillings & nine pence new Emission being for his wages &c and Interest thereon due to him on Capt Aiken's pay Roll for the three months men in 1780, Also twenty eight pounds sixteen shillings & nine pence due to Jonathan Ingalls, & twenty eight pounds sixteen shillings and nine pence due to Nathan Colby & twenty eight pounds sixteen shillings & nine pence new Emission due to Jon^a Clark as appears by the aforesaid pay Roll of Capt Aiken

FRIDAY OCT^o 5th Heard & Determined sundry disputes about double Returns

SATURDAY 6th OCT^o—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ezekiel Morril nine pounds new Emission and Endorse the same on Thomas Haines first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut John Holbrook forty five pounds new Emission and for which he is to be accountable: also

to pay to Reuben Partridge three hundred pounds new Emission which he is to deliver to Francis Blood Esq to enable him to collect beef Cattle and for which said Blood is to be accountable

SATURDAY 6th 1781—Wrote to Francis Blood Esq See page 99—

Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Josiah Brown thirteen pounds four shillings new Emission being the amount of his Account for time & expenses in bringing John Sinkler Gibson a prisoner from Col^o Websters at Plymouth to Col^o Stickneys at Concord

Ordered the Board of War to send forward to Col^o Sam^l Hunt at Charlestown N^o 4, three hundred weight of Powder, Six hundred w^t of Lead or Balls and one thousand flints for supplying the Regiment of militia under the Command of Col^o Raynolds at that place, and for which they are to take Col^o Hunts receipt

Wrote to Col^o Sam^l Hunt—See page 100 Copy Letters &c

FRIDAY OCT^o 12th Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Capt Benj—Norris for the use of Capt Ebenezer Frye fifteen pounds new Emission and Endorse the same on Prince Thompsons first Note for Depreciation

Wrote to William Page Esq^r Issuing Coms^y at Charlestown See page 100—Copy Letters &c

Directed Francis Blood Esq to sell Beef Cattle for hard money; also to receive beef or flour from Individuals See page 101 & 102—Copy Lett^{rs}

Ordered the 'Treas^r to Deliver to Capt Henry Bulter the order drawn for the payment of his pay Roll of the three months men in the year 1780 and Charge the State with the sum of one hundred pounds paid in part of said Order for nine hundred & forty one pounds nineteen shillings & five pence New Emission

SATURDAY OCT^o 13th Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Capt Henry Butler Eighty six pounds fifteen shillings & three pence new Emission being the balance due to him for Wages Rations & Expences of settling his Roll & Interest thereon. Also to pay M^r John Hopkinson thirty nine pounds twelve Shillings new Emission & take up six Notes which he has against the State dated Sept^r 22^d 1780

Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Capt Richard Sinclair two hundred and ninety two pounds one shilling new Emission being for Wages, Subsistence money &c &c due to him, Winthrop Durgin, Bradbury Richardson & Ensign Richard Sinclair in 3 months Service at West point in the Year 1780

THURSDAY OCT^o 18th took into consideration the Memorial of M^r John Clark of Landaff

FRIDAY 19th Wrote to Col^o Charles Johnston See page 103 Copy &c

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Benj^a Whittier one hundred and twelve pounds twelve shillings & nine pence new Emission being the Balance due to him for wages, Subsistance money &c &c Time, Charges &c making up Pay Rolls &c

The dispute concerning Peter Wells postponed to this day fort^{nt}

Determin'd sundry disputes about double Returns

SATURDAY OCT^o 20th Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r John Balch forty five pounds new Emission in part of his pay for riding as Post and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Calfe Esq twelve pounds new Emission in favor of Ensign Bradley Richards and Endorse the same on s^d Richards first Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut James Blanchard five hundred & thirty two pounds sixteen shillings new emission and take up his first note for Depreciation

THURSDAY OCT^o 25th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to deliver to Col^o Thomas Bartlett his Order for the Ballance of his pay Roll and Charge the State with one hundred & sixty five pounds new Emission—also to Deliver Capt Moses Leavitt his Order for the Amount of his pay Roll and charge the State with thirty pounds new Emission—likewise to Deliver to Capt Daniel Jewell his Order for the Amount of his pay Roll and Charge the State with one hundred & twenty pounds new Emission—The afores^d Charges are Endorsed on said Orders

Wrote to Capt Moses Woodward Coms^y Pris^{rs}.—See page 104 Copy

Receivd and allowd the Account of Col^o Thomas Bartlett—

FRIDAY 26th OCT^o 1781. Ordered the Treas^r to deliver to Capt Samuel Runnels his Order for the balance of his pay Roll and Charge the State with two hundred & twenty two pounds eleven shillings & six pence new Emission paid in part of s^d Order

Agreed with M^r Balch to ride twice more

Receivd & allowed the Account of Capt Sam^l Runnels

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Joseph Boynton fifteen pounds new Emission for the purpose of paying the Expences of sending prisoners to the Army and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Moses Leavitt ten pounds twelve shillings & three pence new Emission being for time, Expences, money paid, &c as ^ᵕ Account

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Daniel Jewell one hundred and eight pounds one shilling & six pence new Emission being for wages &c and Interest thereon—money paid to sundry Soldiers,

time & expence in making & settling pay Rolls &c as will appear by his Account allowd this day

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Capt Eliph^t Ladd forty Pounds of Powder

Wrote to Capt Moses Woodward Coms^y Pris^{ns} See page 105 Copy Lett

FRIDAY OCTOBER 26th 1781, Annoque Reipublicee Americane Sexto., Three quarters after four O Clock Receivd the agreeable Intelligence of the unconditional Surrender of the proud Cornwallis with his whole Army to the Illustrious Washington on the 19th Instant

THURSDAY 1, NOV^r 1781 Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Lane seventy nine pounds seven shillings new Emission being in full for a Note N^o 1851 and dated the first day of January 1780 and Take up said Note

FRIDAY 2 NOV^r 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut David Page thirty pounds new Emission and Endorse the same on Benjamin Pages Note (N^o 127) for Depreciation

Wrote to Coll^o Charles Johnston See page 106 Copy Lett^r

Granted three Warrants to apprehend Robert Young John Young and Abraham Reed See page 106 Copy Lett^r

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Eliph^t Giddinge Collector Gen^l Beef Cattle one hundred & twenty pounds new Emission towards Collecting Beef Cattle and for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY 3^d NOV^r 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Josiah Gilman forty five pounds new Emission in part of his Account and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r John Taylor Gilman four pounds ten shillings new Emission being for time, horse hire Expences &c by desire of Com^{tee} of Safety

FRIDAY NOV^r 9 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Ezekiel Ladd forty five pounds new Emission which he is to deliver to Joshua Young Coms^y and for which the said Young is to be accountable

NOV^r 14th 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to Deliver to Lieut Robert Clark his Order for the payment of his Roll for three months men in 1780 and Charge the State with thirty pounds new Emission which Sum was paid by s^d Treas^r and Endorsed on said Order

Permitted James Chaffey in the Schooner Duck to Export about one hundred Bushels of Indian Corn for Machias

NOV^r 23 Ordered the Treas^r to Deliver Capt Ebenezer Webster his Order for the payment of his pay Roll & Charge the State with one hundred & forty three pounds fifteen shillings new Emission paid by s^d Treas^r & Endorsed on said Order

Nov^r 29th 1781—Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Hon^{ble} Meshech Weare Esq Presid^t 5 Dollars in specie and twenty five dollars in new Emission being for the like sum advanced to Josiah Harris Esq in part of his Account, Order returnd the 5th December 1781

Nov^r 30th 1781 Directed the Board of War to sell all the Horses they have on hand belonging to this State (excepting nine of the best Waggon horses which they are to reserve for the use of the State) taking for payment Specie Bills of the new Emission or public Securities of this State

This day Robert Young appeared before this Committee, who was apprehended on Suspicion of being inimical to this and the united States, after examining Sundry Evidences, Ordered that the said Robert Young should give Bond for his good Behaviour and that he should appear before the General Court or their Committee when called thereto which Bond was given in presence of said Committee of Safety

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER 1781—Desired Mr Simeon Ladd to advertize and sell at public Vendue on Thursday next a Horse belonging to an Absentee from said State—for which State Securities may be taken in payment

Ordered the Treas^r to Let John Balch have and receive fifteen pounds new Emission for which he is to be accountable

TUESDAY 4th DECEMBER 1781. The Committee having met, (being Summoned by His Honour, the President) took into consideration a Letter from the Hon^{ble} Benjamin Bellows Esq relative to the imprisonment of the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire by the pretended authority of Vermont—Adjourn'd till 9 o'Clock tomorrow morning

WEDNESDAY 5 DECEMBER 1781 The Committee having resumed the further consideration of the above mentioned Letter—Gave directions to the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire inclosing two Warrants See pages 108, 109 & 110 Copy Letters &c—Gave Orders to Brig^{dr} Gen^l Moses Nichols See page 113—also to Brig^{dr} General Benjamin Bellows See page 114—and gave directions to Francis Blood Esq to supply the Troops, who are Ordered to liberate Col^o Enoch Hale, with Provisions See page 115

Passed and allowed the pay Roll of L^t Peter Stearns for a number of men raised for the defence of the western frontiers amounting in good money to one hundred and thirty seven pounds four shillings

7th DECEMBER 1781—Directed Noah Emery Jun^r to sell for Specie a quantity of Rum now in his Custody, not exceeding six Barrels to enable him to send forward Beef Cattle to the Army

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Noah Lovewell six pounds new Emission being the Amount of his Account To a Journey to Exeter to make Return by order of Com^{tee} of Safety of the Militia raised by an Act of the Gen^l Court in Sept last

Ordered Noah Emery Jun^r to Deliver to L^t Bez^l Howe twenty gallons of West India Rum and Charge the same to the united States

The above Order was Returned Jan^y 19th 1782

Received the following Letters viz : From President of Congress of the 1781 Deficiency of a Representation—from Financier dated 17th November 1781—Objections to three Clauses in an Act of Congress of the 2^d Nov^r 1781—Two Acts of Congress of the 30th of Oct^o & 2^d Novem^r 1781—The respective States to furnish the treasury of the united States with their Quotas of eight Millions of Dollars for the War department & civil List

SATURDAY 8th Decem^r 1781 Desired James Rundlett to examine the Salted Beef belonging to this State, now in the Custody of Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Collec^{tr} Gen^l of Beef, and report to this Com^{tee} the situation thereof as soon as may be

SATURDAY 12 DEC^r Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Gilman Esq Six pounds in Specie being for firewood as per Acct—Also twenty five pounds in specie—Use of Room &c as per Acct

Conditions of Sale of Excise on Spirituous Liquors in the several Counties in this State are Enterd page 116 Copy Lett

TUESDAY 18th DEC^r 1781 Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with the Collector of Cockermouth two thousand one hundred and sixty pounds in bills of the old Emission out of the taxes due from the said town of Cockermouth for the year 1780 being so much paid to Maj^r Jonathan Child as per Receipt will appear—Also thirty pounds in bills of the old Emission out of the taxes due from said town for the year 1780 being so much paid by the Selectmen of said town to Asael Buell for travelling & billeting money from Cockermouth to Haverhill as per Receipt will appear—

A Return of the Sale of Excise in the several Counties of this State—

Capt Simeon Ladd appointed Vendue Master

The Excise in the County of Rockingham struck off to	£
Benjamin Butler Esq for four hundred & five pounds	405
County of Strafford to Benjamin Butler Esq for	150
Hillsbor ^o to Richard Jenness Esq for	180
Cheshire to Richard Jenness Esq for	46
Grafton to Richard Jenness Esq for	36
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DEC^r 27 Wrote to M^r Jonathan Martin inclosing a Warrant to apprehend sundry persons in the County of Cheshire See page 118 & 119 Copy of Letters. also to M^r Robert Smith inclosing a Warrant to apprehend one Benjamin Giles Esq—See page 120 & 121 Copy Letters &c

28th Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Balch fifteen Pounds new Emission in part toward his Account as Post-rider and for which he is to be accountable

JAN^y 7 1782 Nath^l Sartel Prentice of Alstead in the County of Cheshire was apprehended & brought before the Committee, Upon examination, it appearing that he had acted within this State, as an Officer under the pretended and usurped authority of the State of Vermont so called was committed to Goal See page 122 Copy Letters &c

Wrote to Col^o Morey—see page 136—Copy Letters

19th SATURDAY—Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Balch Cur^r Six pounds in Specie towards his Account and for which he is to be accountable

Desired M^r John White Jun^r to deliver to Capt Jeremiah Eames two Barrels of New England Rum and for which said Eames is to be accountabl as  Receipt

Wrote to Col^o Joshua Wentworth desiring him to give Orders to M^r John White Jun^r to deliver to the Com^{te} of Safety or their Order such quantities of Rum as they may give Order for from time to time & inclose the same to the Committee of Safety to be by them forwarded to M^r White—Likewise an Order on the Receiver of Rum in Boston to be sent forward by Com^{te} of Safety

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to L^t Bezaleel Howe, recruiting Officer in this State twenty two Gallons of West-India Rum and Charge the same to the United States

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to the recruiting Officers & Soldiers now in this State to the value of one months pay in Beef & Rum in the same manner as is directed for those who are on furlough

Adjourned untill next Wednesday

FRIDAY JAN^y 25th Wrote to Capt Dearing desiring him to return an Inventory of the state of the Batteries and all manner of Utensils, Boats &c thereto belonging, to the Committee of Safety of said State as soon as may be—And also give Capt Salter a Copy of said Inventory.

Ordered Capt Salter to call on Richard Sharman and Peter Barter two Invalids, to do Garrison Duty at the Forts at Piscataqua Harbour

Ordered the Board of War at Portsmouth to furnish Richard Sharman & Peter Barter with such Cloathing as may be necessary to enable them to do Duty at the Harbour.

SATURDAY JAN^y 26th 1782 Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge Coll Gen B. C—to deliver to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper One Yoke of Oxen—taking his Receipt for the weight of said Oxen and for which he is to be accountable Order returnd Feb^y 23 1782

Wrote to Col^o Jabez Hatch inclosing an Extract respecting Rum—See page 137—Copy of Lett. Also desired M^r Nath^l Barrett to deliver to M^r Noah Emery Jun^r D Q M all the Rum in his Custody belonging to the State of New-Hampshire

Ordered the Treas^r to let Noah Emery Jun^r D Q M have out of the Treasury thirty pounds new Emission and for Which he is to be accountable

Gave Instructions to Noah Emery D. Q. M. relative to this State's Rum in Boston. See page 137—Copy Letters &c

Adjourned till Thursday next

THURSDAY JAN^y 31 1782 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Serj^t Caleb Hunt Twelve shillings lawfull Money being so much paid by him to Doct^r Granger for attendance on said Hunt when sick and Wounded

FRIDAY 1 FEB^y 1782 Desired Francis Blood Esq to deliver to Gen^l John Stark or his Order One good Yoke of Oxen taking his Receipt for the same and for which he is to be accountabl Order returnd Also desired M^r White to deliver to Gen^l Stark or his Order One Hogshead of West India Rum out of the Rum now in his Custody belonging to s^d State taking his Receipt therefor to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Lieut Joseph Huntoon one Barrel of salted Beef belonging to this State taking his Receipt for the same & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered M^r White to Deliver to Lieut Joseph Huntoon one Barrel of New England Rum out of the Rum now in his Custody belonging to this State taking his Receipt for the same and for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY FEB^y 2^d 1782. Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge, Coll Gen^l B. C. to Deliver to M^r Fowle One Barrel of salted Beef out of Beef now in your Custody belonging to this State, taking his Receipt for the same and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to Discount with the Selectmen of Marlborough out of their Tax for the year 1780 Seventy two pounds six shillings and six pence old Currency being a tax on land lately belonging to Breed Batcheldor an Absentee Also seventy two

pounds fifteen shillings and three pence like money being a tax on land belonging to Elijah Williams an Absentee

Wrote to Capt Salter See page 138—Copy Letters &c

FRIDAY FEB^y 8th 1782—Passed & allowed the Account of Tho^s Odiorne Esq^r amounting to thirty one pounds lawfull money to be paid when the state of the Treasury will admit thereof—Also Ordered the Treasury to Issue a Note to said Odiorne for the aforesaid thirty one pounds pursuant to a Resolve of the General Court of the 18th Jan^y 1782

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Lt Joseph Boynton recruiting Officer twenty Gallons West India Rum and charge the same to the United States and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lt Joseph Boynton one pound two shillings & six pence lawful money being for Expences in carrying Henry Tufts to Newbury Goal

SATURDAY FEB^y 9th Ordered Capt Eliph^t Giddinge C G B C to Discount with the Selectmen of Portsmouth four thousand two hundred & fifty two pounds weight of Beef out of their Beef Tax for 1781

Adjourn'd till Thursday next

FEB^y 15th Allowed & Settled the Account of Cap^t Shubael Geer for purchasing Horses—Balance amounting to seven pounds ten shillings and five pence lawfull money—Also Ordered the Treasurer to Issue a Note to said Geer for the above Balance

Ordered the Treasurer to Issue a Note to Samuel Potter for thirty four pounds seventeen shillings good money in the same manner & form as for Depreciation being for extra Wages at 20 s. per month in lieu of the State's Bounty

Ordered the Treasurer to Credit the Selectmen of Kingston with Seven thousand pounds weight of Beef, being to that amount supply'd in New England Rum in pursuance of a Vote of the General Court

FEB 16th SATURDAY Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Steel thirty six shillings lawful money being in part of his Expences as a Witness in behalf of the Governm^t and People of said State

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Balch twenty pounds New Emission being in part towards his pay as Post rider and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to sell three hundred wt of Powder & two Hogsheads of Rum for the purpose of purchasing Cloathing for Soldiers

Wrote to Brigd^r Gen^l Benjamin Bellows desiring him to give this Committee the best information he is able, of the number of

Persons and their Names, who have accepted of the Proposals offered in a Proclamation and sent to the western parts of said State, after the Expiration of the term of time allowed in said Proclamation

Wrote to Coll^o Hunt, Captⁿ Goldsmith, M^r Nath^l Bingham and Captⁿ Burt relative to Supplies of Provisions particularly Wheat and Flour for the Troops which have been ordered to be raised for the Support of the Civil Authority in the western parts of said State—vide page 141 Copy Letters &c

FRIDAY FEB^y 22^d 1782 Ordered the Treas^y Pay Joseph Pearson three pounds lawful money for purchasing Paper and other Articles for the use of the Gen^l Court and for which he is to be accountable

Accounted for in his Acco^t Decem^r 13 1782

SATURDAY FEB^y 23^d Ordered the Treas^r to Issue a Note to Caleb Young for sixteen pounds five shillings and nine pence lawful money in pursuance of a Resolve of the General Court of the 18th of Jan^y 1782

Ordered the Treas^r to Issue a Note to Col^o John M^cClary for eight pounds nineteen shillings & eleven pence lawful money in pursuance of a Resolve of Court of the 18th of Jan^y 1782 being so much due to Joseph Seavey as appears by Capt Butler's pay Roll for 3^{mo} men in 1780

Wrote to the Hon^{ble} Sam^l Livermore Esq See page 141 Copy Lett^s &c

THURSDAY FEB^y 28 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Supply Clapp thirty one pounds eighteen shillings in Specie and for which he is to be accountable as Agent Victualler

Desired M^r John White of Haverhill to deliver to Gen^l John Stark one Hogshead of West India Rum out of the Rum now in his Custody & belonging to this State taking his Receipt for the same & for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY 1 MARCH 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Col^o Supply Clapp Agent Victualler Sixty pounds in Specie and for which he is to be Accountable

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Capt Isaac Frye his allowance for a months pay in New England Rum

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Simeon Ladd Goalkeeper fifty five pounds twelve shillings and two pence in Specie being the Amount of his account to Jan^y 9th 1782

Ordered the Board of War to deliver one months pay to Capt Benj^a Ellis in West India Rum

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Eliplialet Hale two pounds nine shillings & three pence in Specie for inspecting Soldiers Shoes in 1781

Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with the Selectmen of Meredith out of their State Tax for 1781 Ten pounds four shillings and four pence in Specie Also forty five pounds fourteen shillings & six pence New Emission being so much paid to sundry Soldiers in Capt Smith's Company raised for the Northern Frontiers

Ordered Capt Giddinge to Deliver to Lieut Joseph Huntoon one Barrel of salted Beef belonging to this State taking his Receipt for the same & for which he is to be Accountable

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Colo^o Tim^o Ellis one pound sixteen shillings in Specie in full for the Mustering &c 19 men Dld to Capt Burt

THURSDAY 7th MARCH 1782 Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Col^o George Reid in Rum the One months pay which was ordered for the Officers & Soldiers by the General Assembly—Also to deliver to Cap^t Sam^l Cherry in Rum the One months pay which was ordered for the Officers & Soldiers by the Gen^l Assembly

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to M^r Jedidiah Jewett the one months pay in Beef and Rum (as Major) which was ordered for the Officers & Soldiers by the General Assembly

FRIDAY MARCH 8th 1782 Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Capt Daniel Livermore in Rum the one months pay which was Ordered for the Officers & Soldiers by the General Assembly

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Cap^t Josiah Moulton Sixty pounds weight of Powder and take up in a State Note of One hundred & fifty pounds payable to Ephraim Moulton & dated 21 May 1779

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Capt Nicholas Gilman in Rum the one months Pay which was Ordered for the Officers & Soldiers by the Gen^l Assembly

SATURDAY 9th MARCH 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lieut Joseph Huntoon Eleven shillings in Specie being the Balance due to him for taking up four Deserters from Fort Washington

MARCH 27 An Order was drawn in favour of Jeremiah Eames Esq for twelve pounds wt of Powder, twenty four pounds wt of Balls, and twenty four Flints, directed to Joseph Peverly Esq or Joseph Whipple Esq if they had the same on hand belonging to this State

THURSDAY APRIL 4th 1782, took into consideration sundry matters relative to Col^o Greeley—Warrant granted for apprehending s^d Greeley See page 150—Summons for each party—appointed Wednesday 10th Instant at 10 O'Clock for the parties to be heard.

FRIDAY APRIL 5th 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Thomas Bickford fifty pounds in Specie out of the Tax for the current year, and for which he is to be accountable as Commissary of Issues

Appointed Capt Jeremiah Fogg Muster Master at Exeter ; Cap^t Isaac Frye Muster Master at Amherst and Capt Benjamin Ellis Muster Master at Charlestown in pursuance of an Act of Court of the 21st of March 1782 See page 151

Ordered the Treas^r to pay (by way of Discount) to the Selectmen of Hollis three pounds five shillings New Emission out of the Tax for 1781 and eight shillings & two pence half penny in Specie

SATURDAY APRIL 6th 1782—Wrote to Col^o Samuel Hunt and to the Selectmen of Amherst relative to Supplies for Recruits See page 148 & 149

WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 1782—Notified Portsmouth that Friday the nineteenth of this Instant is appointed to hear and Determine the Claims of Portsmouth and Hampton to James Allard a Soldier—Also Notified Seabrook, that the same day is appointed to hear and determine the Claims of Seabrook and Hampton to Jonathan Eaton a Soldier

WEDNESDAY APRIL 10th 1782. This day entered upon the Examination of sundry persons, who had been summoned to give Evidence relative to the Conduct of Col^o Jonathan Greely of East Kingston, who was apprehended and bro't before the Committee of Safety for the State of New Hampshire for Practices inimical to this, and the United States, by virtue of a Warrant from said Committee

Adjourn'd till 9, O'Clock tomorrow morning

Met according to Adjournment—Proceeded with Examination &c after which, it appeared to said Com^{tee} that s^d Greely had been guilty of sundry inimical Practices &c—Therefore Ordered, that s^d Greely should give Bond for good Behaviour &c which was Executed the 12 April 1782 See page 151 & 152—

FRIDAY 12 APRIL 1782 Notified the Selectmen of Litchfield that Friday the tenth day of May next is appointed to hear & Determine the Claims of Litchfield & Goffstown to Obed McLaue a Soldier

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Balch twenty pounds new Emission in part towards his riding as Post and for which he is to be accountable

Samuel Neil a Soldier is claimed by Moultonbo^{ro} and Temple, & a Notification was sent to Moultonbo^{ro} but not appearing—it is the Opinion of this Committee that said Neil belongs to Temple

Ordered the Treasurer to make an abatement of the Tax on the unimproved Land in the Gore adjoin^g New Durham agreeable to a Vote of the Gen^l Court of the 28th of April 1780

SATURDAY 13th OF APRIL 1782 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Carty Gilman forty shillings lawful Money & Endorse the same on his Note for Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to Issue a Note on Demand to Gen^l John Stark dated this day for two hundred and ten pounds lawful Money and for which he is to be accountable in part for the Depreciation of his Wages

Ordered Francis Blood Esq Coll^r Gen^l of Bf Cattle to Deliver to Gen^l John Stark 2000 pounds wt of Beef and that if he and the Gen^l could not agree upon the weight of the Beef then they should refer the same to the Judgment of the two indifferent persons

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Gilman Esq Seven pounds fourteen shillings & six pence lawful Money being for Supplies of Wood &c for the General Court to the 12th of April 1782

THURSDY APRIL 18th Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Capt Stephen Herriman Eight pounds two shillings & six pence in Bills of the New Emission for which Sum B. G. John Stark is to be charged with in his Account with s^d State, & to be accountable for the same

FRIDAY 19th Settled Double Returns

SATURDAY 20th Ordered the Treas^r to pay Lydia Marshall Wid fourteen Pounds thirteen shillings & four pence in Bills of the New Emission and charge himself with the same Sum in the old Continental Currency being so much due to L^t Andrew Marshall on the Ration Roll of Cap Daniels in 1777

SATURDAY APRIL 20th Gave Orders to M^r Isaac Williams relative to issuing provisions to Recruits—See page 154—Copy of

FRIDAY APRIL 26th Notified the Selectmen of Londonderry that John Caldwell a Soldier claimed by them is also claimed by Candia, and that Friday the 3^d of May next is appointed to hear & determine said Claims

SATURDAY 27th Wrote to Capt Eph^m Stone relative to his pay Roll. See page 155

Desired M^r Isaac Williams to call on Capt Giddinge for Beef—See page 155

Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge C G B to deliver to M^r Isaac Williams such quantities of Beef as may be necessary for the Recruits now raising

Wrote to Gen^l Bellows—See page 156

Wrote to M^r Williams inclosing an Order on the Board of War for one Barrel of Rum See page 157

Ordered the Board of War to deliver M^r Williams one Barrel of West India Rum to be by him exchanged for Bread for the Recruits now raising and for which he is to be Accountable

THURSDAY MAY 2^d Gave a Permit to the Schooner Jolly Robin W^m Brooks Commander to Export for North Yarmouth about twenty five Bushels of Indian Corn and fifteen Barrels of Cyder

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Gen^l James Reed by Discount two thousand seven hundred & twenty two pounds ten shillings in Bills of the old Emission being the tax of Morristown for the year 1780

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Gen^l James Reid by Discount Seven pounds eleven shillings & three pence in Specie being the Specie taxes of Morristown for the year 1781

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Gen^l James Reid by discount out of the taxes of the Town of Morristown for the year 1781 the Sum of one hundred & eighty nine pounds one shilling & three pence in Bills of the new Emission Also pay to the said Reed one hundred & fifty pounds in bills of the new Emissⁿ

Ordered the Treas^r to Issue Notes of this day's date to Gen^l James Reed for the Sum of One thousand five hundred and twenty five pounds seven shillings & three pence lawfull Money being the Bal^{ce} due to him for Wages & Depreciation to the first day of Jan^y 1781 as by his Account dated this day and agreeable to Resolve of Congress of the 14 Dec^r 1781

Settled & Balanced several Accounts of Supply Clapp as Agent Victualler up to August 1781

SATURDAY MAY 4th 1782. Ordered Capt Giddinge C G B C to Deliver Capt Josiah Gilman one Barrel of Beef and for which he is to be accountable

Gave Instructions to the Treas^r relative to Excise due to this State previous to the present year. Vid. p. 157

Ordered the Treas^r to pay (by Discount out of the tax for the current year) the Board of War or their Order Seventy pounds sixteen shillings lawful Money and for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay James Rundlett Eleven shillings lawful Money for examining a quantity of Beef belonging to this State & Cooperage

THURSDAY 9 MAY 1782 Notified the Selectmen of Dover that Daniel Horn a Soldier claimed by them is also claimed by Roches-

ter and that Tuesday the 14 Instant is appointed to hear & Determine said Claims—Also Notified the Selectmen of Salisbury that John Ash is claimed by Andover and that Wednesday the 15th Instant is appointed to hear & determine said Claims.

10th MAY, FRIDAY, settled & determin'd sundry double Returns

The Hon^{ble} President signed Brevets certifying that Amos Morril Captⁿ in the first New Hampshire Regiment was appointed Major in the second Regiment, to take Rank as such from March 24th 1780—in the room & stead of Major Titcomb promoted March 24th 1780—A Certificate of the same had been given, but was supposed to be lost—that Jason Wait Captain in the first New Hampshire Regiment was appointed Major in the third Regiment to take Rank as such from the 5th July 1780 in the room and stead of Major Norris resigned July 5th 1780—A Certificate of the same had been given but was supposed to be lost—That Henry Dearborn Lt Col^o in the first New Hampshire Regiment is appointed Lt Col^o Commandant in said Regiment to take Rank as such from the sixth of Oct^o 1781 in the room and stead of Colonel Alexander Scammel deceased—That Robert B. Wilkins Ensign in the second New Hampshire Regiment is appointed Lt in said Regiment to take Rank from the 19 April 1781 in the room & stead of Lt Luke Woodbury who resigned 19th of April 1781—that Moses Page Ensign in the second N. H Regiment is appointed Lt in s^d Regiment to take Rank from the 13 Sept, 1781, in the Room & stead of Lt Peletiah Whitmore who was discharged 13th Sept—1781

Adjourn^d to Tuesday next

TUESDAY 14th four of the Com^{tee} met.

WEDNESDAY 15th settled double Returns

THURSDAY 16th Settled the Account of Col Sam^l Folsom for mustering Recruits Also Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the tax for the current year to the s^d Folsom the sum of Eight pounds three shillings and six pence for mustering said Recruits

FRIDAY MAY 17th Desired Capt Eliph^t Giddinge C. G. B. C. to deliver to Capt Ebenezer Dearing fourteen hundred & forty pounds weight of salted beef now in his Custody at Portsmouth belonging to this State being in part of his Pay Roll for the Matross Company which was passed February 1st 1782

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year to Capt Ebenezer Dearing the Sum of four hundred & ninety pounds three shillings and one penny lawful money in part towards his pay Roll which was passed Feb^y 1, 1782

SATURDAY 18 MAY wrote to Capt Janvrin respecting some difficulties relative the improvement of Peirce's Island and desired him to attend on the Committee on Friday next

THURSDAY 23^d MAY Ordered the Treasurer to pay Doct^r Thomas Sterne Nine pounds in bills of the new Emission and to charge himself with the Sum of Sixty nine pounds twelve shillings in Bills of the old Continental Currency, being so much due to him on the pay Rôll of the Honorable Assembly, in October 1779

The Hon^{ble} Comtee consented that the Board of War should Sell an Horse now in their Custody belonging to this State

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Board of War fifteen pounds lawful Money for which they are to be accountable

FRIDAY 24th MAY Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge C G B C to Deliver to Capt Titus Salter Seven hundred & twenty pounds weight of salted Beef now, in his Custody at Portsmouth belonging to this State being in part towards the pay Roll of his Matross Company and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay M^r John Taylor Gilman one hundred & fifty pounds lawfull Money as a Delegate from this State and for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY MAY 25th Ordered that the Account of Col^o Henry Dearborn for money by him received out of the Treasury in the months of February & May for recruiting Soldiers in 1780 be received & allowed as reported on by the Committee on Claims & that he be charged with the Balance of One Hundred & twenty nine pounds seventeen shillings & four pence lawful money in his Account for Depreciation for the year 1780 And that the several Sums in Continental Currency chargd in said Account as paid sundry Officers be charged to their Accounts respectively for Depreciation for the year 1780 at the rate of forty for One

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay, by Discount out of the Tax for the current year, to L^t Joseph Boynton or his Order thirty pounds lawful Money for which he is to be Accountable

FRIDAY MAY 31st Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge C G B C to Deliver to the Hon^{ble} John Langdon Esq a Quantity of Beef (now in his Custody at Portsmouth and belonging to the State) not exceeding forty Barrels for which he is to be accountable

SATURDAY JUNE 1st Ordered Capt Eliphalet Giddinge C G B C. to Deliver to Cap^t Jere Fogg one Barrell of Beef out of the Store at Portsmouth being for Rations due to him while on Command in Mustering recruits for the Army

Ordered the Treas^r to pay (by Discount out of the Tax for the Current year) to the Board of War Nine pounds lawful Money for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to Issue a Note in favor of George Peirce Esq for sixty pounds lawful money being so much due to him for detecting Money-makers Also to pay John Calfe Esq or Order

five pounds lawful money being so much due to George Peirce Esq for detecting Money makers.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Josiah Gilman Eighteen pounds lawful Money in part towards his Account & for which he is to be accountable

THURSDAY JUNE 6th 1782 Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to M^r Z Fowle one Barrel of West India Rum for which he is to be accountable in part towards his Account for printing &c

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with the Selectmen of Conway twenty six pounds two shillings and eight pence lawful Money out of the Tax for the year 1781 being so much due to Seth Spring, Stephen Merrill & Elijah Densmore in Capt Jacob Smiths Company raised for the Defence of the Northern frontiers in pursuance of a Vote of Court of the 24th of August 1781

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Discount out of the Tax for the current year to Lt Joseph Huntoon forty eight pounds lawful Money being so much due to him and his son Reuben as appears by Capt Dearing's pay Roll to the 1st of Feb^y 1782

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Board of War, by Discount out of the Tax for the current year, One hundred Pounds lawful Money for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Balch by Discount out of the tax for the current year Sixty pounds in part towards his Account as Carrier

Wrote to the Hon^{ble} John Langdon Esq relative to the Contents of a Letter received from his Excellen^y Gen^l Washington See page 158

Wrote to Capt Titus Salter requiring him to keep a strict Guard at the Forts and also to search all Boats &c which may pass or repass said forts as there are great reasons of Suspicion that a design is formed, by the Enemy, to burn the 74 at Portsmouth

JUNE 21st 1782 The first Friday in July agreed on to settle the claim of Charlestown and Holles to Lemuel Royce a Soldier in the Continental Army

Notified the Selectmen of New Chester that the Second friday in July at 10 O'Clock is appointed to hear & determine the Claim of Gofftown & New Chester to Joshua Wilson a Soldier

24th the Second Friday in July agreed on to hear & determine the claims of the The Towns of Amherst, Lyndsborough & Rindge to Joseph Wilson a Soldier

JULY 3^d WEDNESDAY—Ordered the Treasurer to pay Jacob Ordway twelve shillings Lawful Money for summoning Evidences relative to Col^o Greeley

Ordered Capt Eliph^t Giddinge to receive from Nottingham West Litchfield & Derryfield such Beef Cattle as they shall collect for Taxes agreeably to the Tax Bill or any Order of the Gen^l Assembly passed since the Tax Bill

JULY 4th 1782 Ordered the Board of War to Deliver M^r Zach^h Fowle twenty pounds weight of powder for a *feu de joy* on the Anniversary of American Independence

Notified the Selectmen of Lee, Loudon & Durham that Friday the 12th of this Instant is appointed to hear & determine their Claims to Andrew Johnston Benj^a Willey & W^m Hill Sold^s

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Board of War by way of Discount out of the Tax for the year One thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty one the sum of twenty seven pounds five shilling & eight pence and for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to Issue a Note to Jeremiah Towle payable in one year from the date thereof for the Sum of Six pounds twelve shillings as an Invalid Pensioner

Ordered the Treas^r to Pay Joseph Bean Esq Seventeen shillings & six pence being for the time Assistants, Expences &c in taking up & securing Peter Williams a Deserter from the Army

Desired M^r Barrett Merch^t at Boston to Deliver to M^r Ephraim Robinson all the Rum (or so much as he shall desire) now in his Custody belonging to the State of New Hampshire

Ordered the Treasurer to Let M^r Robinson have & receive out of the Treasury three Pounds towards his Expences on public Business to Boston and for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY JULY 5 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the tax for the year 1781 to Samuel Stearns Constable of Plymouth five Dollars New Emission being for mileage to Soldiers to Coos

Appointed Friday y^e 19th to hear and determine the claims of Dover and Deefield to Paul Cook a Continental Soldier

Wrote to M^r Woodward Commissary of Prisoners to send five prisoners (who were in the Care of Cap^t Salter) to Boston in the Prize out of which they were taken in case said Prize should go to Boston

SATURDAY JULY 6th Appointed Friday y^e 19th to hear & determine the Claims of Lempster & Charlestown to one W^m Leighton a Continental Soldier also the Claims of Lempster & Ackworth to Matthew Greer a Do—Same day appointed to hear the claims of Richmond & Hollis to Lemuel Royce (or Rice)

Adjourned to Portsm^o—Tuesday next

TUESDAY JULY 9th Met according to Adjournment

Took into consideration, (in pursuance of a Vote of the Gen^l Assembly of the 14th of June last,) sundry matters relative to the defence of Piscataqua Harbour &c.

WEDNESDAY JULY 10th Took a view of the several forts erected for the defence of Piscataqua Harbour, and agreed that General Whipple or some suitable person under him should be employed to remove the Platforms, Barracks &c to repair the other forts

THURSDAY JULY 11th Wrote to M^r Nathaniel Folsom directing him to sell at public Vendue on Thursday next all the salted Beef now in his Custody & belonging to this State, for Cash or M^r Morris's Bills, the purchaser giving good Security for the payment of the same within two months; also that he give notice of the time & place for the Sale of said Beef in the New Hampshire Gazette of this Week and inform this Committee as soon as possible of s^d Sale

FRIDAY JULY 12th The Town of Peterborough having produced sufficient proof to this Committee, that they now have three men viz^t Jeduthun Roberts, John Barlow & John Wallace as Soldiers in the Army who were not heretofore allow'd to them, The Hon^{bl} the President certified "that they are to have Credit for the said three men on the Extent now issued against them for their Deficiency

Appointed to morrow 10 O'Clock A M to hear the Claims of Ossipee Gore & Portsmouth to Sam^l Lear a Soldier in the Army

Appointed Friday y^e 26th to hear the Claims of Barrington & Nottingham to Joseph Hall a Soldier

Ordered the Treasurer to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the year one thousand seven hundred & seventy nine to the Constable of New Chester two thousand five hundred & forty eight Continental Dollars being so much received by David Webster for Maj^r Child for which said Child is to be accountable

Appointed the first friday next following the second Tuesday of Sept next to hear the Claims of Charlestown & Ackworth to Simeon Powers a Continental Soldier

Ordered & directed the following Col^{ls} to raise by Enlistment, draught or otherwise viz Col^o Wentworth Eight Col^o Evans Nine, Col^o Moulton Four, Col^o Gilman Six, Col^o Gale Six, Col^o John Webster Four, & Col^o Bell Three able bodied effective men, and send them to Portsmouth to be under the Command of Capt Titus Salter to serve untill the last day of December next unless sooner discharged—See page 160—Copy Letters &c

Wrote to Capt Eben^r Frye Muster Master, inclosing an Order on the Selectmen of the Town of Amherst, desiring him to call on said Selectmen to furnish the Recruits raising for the Conti-

nental Army, with such Supplies of Bread and Beef from time to time as he shall call on them for, taking his receipt for the same and they are desired to procure said Supplies as reasonable as they can and Charge the same to the State for which they shall be allowed out of their State Tax for the current year

SATURDAY JULY 13th Ordered the Treasurer to pay by Discount out of the Tax in 1779 to the Selectmen of New Chester forty eight pounds eight shillings Continental Cur^{cy}

Upon hearing the Dispute between Portsmouth & Ossipee Gore relative to Samuel Lear a Soldier, it appears that said Lear belongs to neither Town but belongs to Middleton

Desired Capt Eliphalet Giddinge to send to Portsmouth as soon as may be thirty Barrels of the salted Beef now in his Custody & belonging to this State, to the care of M^r Nathaniel Folsom and for which said Folsom is to be accountable

Directed M^r Nathaniel Folsom to sell for Cash or M^r Morris's Bills at public Vendue (if not sold before at private Sale) as soon as conveniently may be all the salted Beef now in his Custody belonging to this State; And also all the Beef which may be sent to his Care by Capt Elip^t Giddinge

FRIDAY JULY 19th Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Jedth Jewett thirty pounds being in part towards his pay as State Clothier & for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to Col^o Joshua Wentworth acquainting him that in case he should want a Quantity of Beef he may be supplyd therewith by the State

Desired Col^o Clapp to supply Capt Salter with a few Boards, some nails, Bucketts & Bowls &c

Upon hearing the Dispute between Hollis & Richmond relative to Lemuel Royce alias Rice Determine that s^d Lemuel Rice belongs to Richmond.

Upon a re-hearing of the Dispute between the Towns of Dover & Deerfield relative to Paul Cook a Soldier it appears to this Committee that said Cook belongs to Dover.

Ordered the Board of War to pay to Sarj^t Winthrop Wiggin three pounds Lawful Money to Enable him to go on with a party to the Army & to carry on a Deserter

Appointed friday the second of August next to hear & determine the dispute between Charlestown & Richmond relative to Nath^l Powers Abner Powers Thomas Hunt & Will^m Taggart Soldiers claimed by both Towns

Appointed friday the second of August next to hear & determine the dispute between Hampton & Richmond relative to Asa Crosson a Soldier

This day being appointed to hear and determine the dispute relative to Will^m Leighton between Charlestown & Lemster—Charlestown not appearing, tho' notified; by papers produc'd, this Committee determine that said Leighton belongs to Lemster & that said Town be credited for said Soldier

Wrote to Each of the Sheriffs of the several Counties of this State relative to receiving Certificates from the Muster Masters &c See page 161 Copy &c

SATURDAY JULY 20th Gave a Permit to the Schooner Simeon Isaac Arey Master to export a quantity of Corn not exceeding thirty Bushels & some small Articles from the Port of Piscataqua to Thomastown

Wrote to Capt Frye & Capt Ellis Cap Fogg Muster Masters See page 162 Copy Lett^s

Wrote to Capt John Jennison Col^r Beef County Cheshire See page 162 Copy Lett^r

Ordered the Treas^r to let M^r Jed^h Jewett have out of the Treasury fifteen pounds to enable him to go to head Quarters and for which he is to be Accountable Instructions to M^r Jewett entered page 163 Copy Lett^s

THURSDAY 25 JULY 1782 Ordered the Board of War to sell for Cash, for the most they will fetch but not under the stated prices, any of those Articles which have been received by you for the Tax for the current year

Ordered the Board of War to send as soon as may be to the care of Col^o Charles Johnston Haverhill Coos 100^{lb} Powder 200^{lb} of Balls & 300 flints for the use of the Recruits raising for the defense of the western Frontiers taking s^d Johnstons Receipt for the same

FRIDAY 26 JULY 1782 Ordered Capt Giddinge to deliver to M^r Eph^m Robinson so many of the Beef Cattle in his Custody as he (M^r Robinson) shall request of him from time to time to be killed & sold for the use & benefit of this State—Also Desired Capt Giddinge to send to Portsm^o to the care of Col^o John Langdon Eight or Ten of the best Beef Cattle now in his Custody & belonging to this State taking his Receipt for the weight of the same as may be agreed upon

JULY 27 1782 Ordered James Rundlett to deliver Edward Wade fifty pounds w^t of Beef for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Com^{tee} &c to make up the Depreciation of Wages &c due to William Leavitt to the date of his Discharge

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Board of War fifteen pounds for which they are to be accountable

Ordered M^r Rundlett to Deliver to M^r Isaac Williams such quantities of Beef as he may stand in need of for the recruits raising in this State

Ordered the Treas^r to issue a Note on Interest payable in one year from the date thereof in favor of Lt Joseph Huntton for One hundred fourteen pounds one shilling & three pence being the Balance due to him on half pay Roll as per Account to the 27th July 1782

JULY 30th A Quorum of the Committee being met, took into Consideration a Petition from the Selectmen of Gilmantown and thereupon wrote to Ebenezer Sullivan Dep^{ty} Sheriff of County of Strafford See page 163 Copy Lett^{rs} & Instructions

FRIDAY AUGUST 2^d 1782 This Com^{tee} after hearing the claims of the Town of Hampton & Richmond to Asa Crosson a Soldier, determine that said Crosson belongs to Richmond—Also the Claims of Charlestown & Richmond to the following Soldiers viz Nath^l Powers, Abner Powers, Tho^s Hunt & William Taggart, determine the said Soldiers belong to Richmond

SATURDAY AUGst 3^d 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Jeremiah Fogg twelve pounds & for which he is to be accoun^{ble}

Ordered Isaac Williams Iss^g Com^y to Deliver to Capt Jeremiah Fogg one hundred & twenty two Ration due to him from 1st June to the 1st Aug 1782

Ordered & Directed Capt Eliphalet Giddinge C^l Beef to send five beef Cattle belonging to this State to Col^o John Langdon on Wednesday next Also five beef Cattle on Wednesday the week following taking his Receipt for the weight of the same as may be agreed upon

The Committee wrote to Gen^l Bellows See page 164 Capt John Jennison See page 166—and to Doct^r William Page, See 167 Page

FRIDAY AUGUST 9th 1782 Ordered James Rundlet to deliver to Edw^d Wade fifty pounds wt of fresh Beef for which he is to be accountable

Ordered James Rundlett to Deliver to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper one hundred pounds wt of Beef for which said Ladd is to be accountable

Wrote to Col^o Joshua Wentworth relative to soldiers hired by the Town of Portsmouth Notifying said Town that next Friday is appointed by this Committee to determine Whether the Town of Portsm^o or the Individuals are intitled to s^d Wages

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Col^o Jeremiah Gilman a Waggon, after it is appraised, taking his Security for the same: said Waggon is to be returned on Demand making good all Damages

SATURDAY 10 AUG^t 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Thomas Holbrook Nine pounds being in full (with what has been already paid) of the Account of Josiah Harris for serving three Warrants & on persons supposed to be inimical to the United States

THURSDAY AUG^t 15th 1792 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1780 to M^r Israel Houghton Constable for Keene the Sum of Seventy four pounds fifteen shillings being so much paid to Samuel Wells Ensign and for which said Wells is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

FRIDAY 16 AUG 1782 Ordered M^r James Davis Dep Coll^r of Beef Cattle to deliver to M^r Eph^m Robinson or his Order so many of the Beef Cattle in his Custody & belonging to this State as he s^d Robinson shall request from time to time to be killed and sold for the use & benefit of this State

Appointed friday the thirtieth of this Ins^t to hear and determine the Claims of New Durham & Rochester to David Doe a Soldier Claimed by s^d Towns

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Balch or his Order by discount out of The Tax for the current year the Sum of seven pounds in part towards his Account for riding as Post—Also twenty pounds in part of the aforesaid Account—

SATURDAY AUG 17th 1782 Ordered the Board of War to deliver to L^t Rob^t B Wilkins fourteen yards of Linen & charge the same to said Wilkins

Wrote to Col^o Joseph Badger, Francis Blood Esq and M^r John Jennison Collectors of beef Cattle See page 168—Copy Lett^{rs} &c

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq relative to his Acct &c See page 169

Ordered the Treas^r to discount out of the Tax for the Current year, with the Selectmen of Exeter, Eight Pounds, eight shillings being so much paid by them to sundry Soldiers for travel Money as P^r Receipt

AUGUST 23^d FRIDAY Wrote to Ebenezer Sullivan Dep. Sheriff relative to Extent against Gilmantown See page 169

Gave Instructions relative to the beef Cattle to be sent to Head Quarters—See page 170

Ordered the Treas^r to let M^r Jewett have and receive one hundred pounds to enable him to forward a number of Cattle to Head Quarters and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered Isaac Williams Iss^g Com^{sy} to deliver to Lt Robert B. Wilkins Sixty two Rations being in full of his Rations from the first day of August to the thirty first of s^d month inclusive

SATURDAY AUGUST 24th Ordered James Davis Dep Collect^r of Beef Cattle to deliver to Col^o Supply Clapp such numbers of Beef Cattle, not exceeding Twenty, from those he has on hand belonging to this State as he may call for from time to time taking his Receipt for the same.

THURSDAY 29 AUGUST 1782 Wrote to Francis Blood Esq relative to beef Cattle See page 170

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1780 to Asael Brainerd Constable for the Town of Rumney Eighteen pounds being so much paid to Samuel Smart to Coos

Also Seven thousand seven hundred and thirty three Continental Dollars being so much paid to Maj^r Jon^a Child as per Receipt

FRIDAY 30 AUGUST 1782 Appointed friday next to hear & determine the claims between Dover & Rochester to Daniel Sergeant a Soldier claimed by said Towns

SATURDAY AUGUST 31 1782 Desired M^r Ephraim Robinson to call on M^r John White Receiver of Rum for the State of New Hampshire at Haverhill for the pay of the Rum which he purchased of the Committee of Safety for said State giving his receipt for the same

THURSDAY SEPT: 5th 1782. Desired the Board of War to certify how much appears due to M^r Emerson in consequence of a Vote of Court that the same may be laid before the General Court next week for them to give order in what, payment may be made.

FRIDAY SEPT 6th Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Board of War or their Order fifty pounds for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Moses Woodward Esq by discount out of the Tax for the current year forty pounds for which he is to be accountable as Commissary of Prisoners

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Daniel Gorden by Discount out of the Tax for the current year thirty shillings Bal^{ce} of Acc^t Expences to Springfield

SATURDAY 7 SEPT: 1782. Robert Young requesting of this Committee that his Bond might be giving up—It is the Opinion of this Committee that as he is acquitted said Bond might be given up, which was accordingly done .

SEPT 14th 1782 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Charles Johnston thirty pounds twelve shillings being for Billeting money for Rations

SEPT 19th 1782 The Committee took into consideration sundry matters relative to the difficulties in the Town of Cornish and also wrote to the Sheriff of the County of Cheshire See page 171

Wrote to Col^o Charles Johnston that it is the Opinion of this Com^{tee} that he might dismiss two of the Officers under his Command if he shall think it prudent

20th This Committee took into consideration sundry matters referred to them by the General Court also wrote to M^r Jenness relative to the Excise See page 172

Wrote to Benj^a Butler Esq relative to the payment of the money for Excise. See page 172

Wrote to M^r John White Jun^r relative to money due for Rum See page 172

21st His Honor the President certified that Eben^r Stockton was appointed Surgeon to the first New Hampshire Reg^t in the Room & Stead of Doct^r Nath^l Gardner who lately resignd s^d Stockton is to be considered as Surgeon to said Regiment from the time of his joining the Regiment

Ordered the Treas^r—to pay Maj^r Will^m Scott, by Discount out of the tax for the current year, Twenty pounds being a State Bounty for his Son John Scott who engaged July 1st 1778 for three years Service

Ordered Isaac Williams Iss^g Coms^y to deliver Rations to Continental Soldiers when certified by the Muster Master that such Soldiers are confined in Goal

Ordered Isaac Williams to deliver to Lt Rob^t B. Wilkins Sixty Rations in full of his Rations from the first day of Sept^r to the thirtieth of s^d month inclusive

Ordered that Lt Thomas Simpson be struck off the half Pay Roll of Invalid Pensioners

SEPT 25th 1782—Ordered Capt Giddinge to deliver Lt Neal McGaffee twelve hundred & Eighty pounds wt of Beef (2 months pay at 3^d p. lb) agreeably to the estimation which he received them at and for which he is to be accountable

Desired the Treas^r to deliver to the Odr of Richard Jenness Esq the Bond which they together with their father the afores^d Richard Jenness Esq signed for the payment of the Excise purchased by him in Decem^{br} last

SEPT 26—Ordered Capt Eliph^t Giddinge to deliver to M^r Jedidiah Jewett twelve hundred pounds wt of Beef for which he is to be accountable out of his pay as Sub or State Clothier

Gave Instructions to Maj Gen^l Nath^l Folsom relative to five Regiments of Militia See page 173

Wrote to Capt John Jennison relative to pay for pasturing States Cattle—See page 174

Authorized Col^o Joseph Badger to dispose of one beef Creature towards his own Expences & one towards the Expences of his Deputies in collecting beef Cattle for the State for which he is to be accountable to the State as estimated at three pence per pound

SEPT 27th 1782 Ordered Francis Blood Esq to deliver to Lt Robt B. Wilkins twelve hundred and eighty pounds w^t of Beef agreeably to the estimation which he received them at and for which he is to be accountable being two months pay at 3^d 7^d 1b

Ordered that Lt Jon^a Emerson be allowed one third part of his monthly pay instead of half pay as an Invalid Pensioner to commence this 27th day of Sept 1782

Wrote to the Trustees of Dartmouth College See page 174

SEPT 28th Ordered the Treas^r to pay Wid^o Hill Seven Pounds thirteen shillings in full of her Account for Barracking Soldiers & from the 27th of May to the 23^d Sept 1782

Desired Doct^r C. G. Adams to attend one Otis Alley a Continental Soldier sick in Goal

Desired Capt E Giddinge to furnish M^r Bigelow with so many of the Beef Cattle which now are or may be in his Custody & belonging to this State as Col^o Langdon may call for from time to time taking his Receipt for the same

Ordered the Treas^r to pay to John Parker Esq fifty pounds towards the Expence of an Entertainment for the Officers of His Most Christian Majestys Ships of War now in the Port of Piscataqua and for which he is to be accountable

OCT^o 4th Ordered the Treas^r to Discount with the Constables of the Town of Amherst the Sum of Ten Thousand four hundred & seventy four pounds nineteen shillings & seven pence old Continental Currency out of the Tax for the year 1780 being so much advanced by them to Gen^l Moses Nichols towards the payment of his Staff Roll in the year 1780

Wrote to M^r John White Jun^r relative to money due for Rum See p.

Ordered the Board of War to sell at public Vendue for cash or State securities, all the horses now in their Custody and belonging to this State except four—Also all the State Waggon except two

His Honor the President certified that David Scot having enlisted during the present War is to be considered as a Soldier procured by Hampton falls & that said Hampton falls is to be credited on an Extent issued against them for their deficiency for the aforesaid David Scott

OCT^o 5 Ordered Isaac Williams Iss^g Com to deliver Lt Rob^t B. Wilkins Sixty two Rations being in full of his Rations from the first day of Oct^o to the thirty first of said month inclusive

Desired the Board of War to deliver Lt Robt B Wilkins the amount of one months pay in cloathing for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for 1781

Ordered M^r James Rundlett to Deliver to M^r Simeon Ladd Goalkeeper one hundred wt of Beef for which he is to be accountable

Ordered M^r Rundlett to deliver to the Order of the Board of war one hundred wt of Beef for which they are to be accountable

SATURDAY OCT^o 5th 1782 Permitted the Naval Officer at Ports^m to clear out Capt John McGray in the Scallop Betsey for Yarmouth in Nova Scotia with such Articles as he may have on Board agreeable to a Permit he has from the Committee of Safety

His Honor the President gave Capt McGray a Certificate See p. 174

FRIDAY OCT^o 11th 1782 This Comtee receivd of M^r John White Jun^r One hundred Pounds being so much due to said State for Rum purchased of s^d Committee for which Sum the Committee took the Hon^{ble} Judge Whites Receipt the Day and Date above mentioned

SATURDAY OCT^o 12th 1782 The Committee took into Consideration a petition signed Jonathan Greeley, praying to be liberated from his Bonds—upon which, the Committee ordered that Col^o Jonathan Greeley be released, from his Bond & that the said Bond should be delivered to General Folsom, which was accordingly done

Ordered Isaac Williams Iss^g Coms^y to deliver to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper sixteen days provision due to William Cowin agreeably to L^t Boyntons Order said Ladd endorsing said Order

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year to Jedidiah Jewett or Bearer, the following Sums viz One Order for thirty shillings and four pence—One, for twelve shillings and another for twelve shillings—Expences for bringing Cattle from Keene

FRIDAY OCT^o 18th 1782—Upon the Petition of Jack Edwards & Noah Allard Ordered that Simeon Ladd Goalkeeper liberate the aforesaid Edwards & Allard that they may immediately march to the Army. Desired Col^o Samuel Folsom to muster all the able bodied, effective Men which may be offered by the Towns in said State untill further Orders

SATURDAY OCT^o 19th 1782 Ordered Col^o Joseph Badger to deliver to M^r Jonathan Greeley Jun^r twenty five of the Beef Cat-

tle now in your custody and belonging to this State taking his receipt for the same

Ordered the Board of War to deliver Lient Thomas Blake Linen Cloth sufficient to make half a Dozen shirts for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

Wrote to Col^o George Reid See p : 175

Gave Directions to Francis Blood Esq and Capt John Jennison relative to beef Cattle See p : 176

FRIDAY OCT^o 25th 1782 Ordered the Treasurer to pay by discount out of the tax for the current year, Col^o Thomas Bartlett or Order fifteen shillings being the Amo^t of his Acc^t for selling Excise in the Counties of Hillsbo^{ro} Cheshire & Grafton

Ordered the Treas^r to pay L^t Rob^t B. Wilkins three pounds fourteen shillings for taking up Deserters &c

Wrote to Capt Eben^r Frye relative to mustering Soldiers See page 175

Desired Capt Eliph^t Giddinge to Deliver to Col^o Supply Clapp or his Order fourteen of the beef Cattle now in his Custody & belonging to this State taking his receipt for the same

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the present year's Tax to L^t Joseph Huntoon fifteen shillings for driving Cattle from Candia to Exeter

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year the following Orders viz :—

To Jonas Brown £2-4-10. Peter Felt 8s-6. Benj^a Cragin £1-13. Archelaus Cummins 8s-6 David Stewart 19s-9 Jonathan Cram 7s Francis Cragin £1-6 & Gershom Drury £2-8. for keeping Beef Cattle &c and William Pettingal £1-3-6

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Samuel Folsom three pounds nine shillings for Expences of Sales of Excise in Dec^r 1781 & Oct^o 1782

Desired Francis Blood Esq to sell four of the beef Cattle belonging to this State towards defraying the Expences of Collecting beef Cattle &c &c

Ordered Francis Blood Esq to deliver M^r James Walker thirty of the beef Cattle now in his custody & belonging to this State taking his receipt for the same Order return^d

Nov^r 1. 1782—Upon Information being given to this Committee that there is great reason to suspect some undue influence hath been used to obtain the Orders of Soldiers for their Depreciation or that said Orders are forged—therefore ordered the Com^{tee} on Depreciation not to grant Certificates for the Balances due to Soldiers for Depreciation untill the General Court shall take some further Order relative to the same.

NOV^r 2^d Ordered James Rundlett to Deliver to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper one hundred pounds wt of Beef for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY NOV^r 8th Ordered Capt Ebenezer Frye nine hundred and forty pounds wt of Beef being Provisions due to Lt Bez^l Howe on Command to the 28th of March 1782

Ordered Col^o Joseph Badger to deliver to M^r James Walker thirty of the Beef Cattle now in his Custody & belonging to this State (if not so many on hand as many as he hath) taking his Receipt for the same

SATURDAY NOV^r 9th 1782 Ordered James Rundlett to deliver to the Board of War two hundred pounds weight of Beef for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the 'Treas^r to Pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year fourteen pounds eight shillings to the Board of War for which they are to be accountable

Ordered the 'Treas^r to Pay Widow E. Hall eighteen shillings for Boarding Otis Alley & Wing two sick Continental Soldiers.

NOVEMBER 15th 1782 Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year to the Selectmen of Hopkinton seven pounds seventeen shillings & six pence being travel money to Springfield paid to Moody Clements, Samuel Eastman Moses Colby, Stephen Putney Daniel Stickney Richard Smith and David Stickney

16 Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1780 to the Selectmen of Charleston thirty shillings travel money paid to Richard Holden & Amasa Grout

NOV^r 21 1782 Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the Current year to the Town of Ackworth four pounds six shillings & eleven pence Lawful Money being the value of One hundred & five pounds old Continental Currency paid to Edw^d Keys at Rhode Island & Prince Wallace a Soldier in the Continental Army in the year 1779 being Bounties & Travel Money

NOV^r 22 1782 appointed Major Caleb Robinson to Muster Recruits at Exeter see page 176 Copies &^c

Gave Instruction to Isaac William See page 177

NOV^r 30—Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Col^o Supply Clapp Sixty pounds for which he is to be accountable as Agent Victualler

Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay John Parker Esq the Balance of his Account amounting to forty nine pounds nine shillings & eight pence Expences of a Dinner for Count Vaudreuil &c

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Capt James Blanchard & Lt Tho^s Blake each two months pay in Linen Cloth for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation for 1781

DEC^r 5 Ordered the Treasurer to pay Reuben Dow one of the Constables of Hollis two pounds seventeen shillings & six pence in Bills of the New Emission Also the sum of thirteen shillings & two pence in Silver being the Taxes which he paid on Sixty seven Acres of unimproved Land in Hollis belonging to Col^o William Brown an Absentee

Jesse Christey, Committed to Goal See page 177—

Ordered that Capt Reuben Dow be continued on the List of Pensioners at Six Dollars per month from the 5th day of December 1782.

DEC^r 6th 1782 Ordered James Rundlett to Deliver to Simeon Ladd, one hundred weight of Beef for which he is to be accountable

Gave Instructions to Isaac Williams See p. 177

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Oliver Smith Serj^t Three Pounds being one months pay to forward him to the Army & to Stephen Ames forty shillings being one months pay to forward him to the Army.

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Oliver Smith & Stephen Ames such Cloathing as they may stand in need off to enable them to go to Camp they having been in Captivity

Ordered the Committee on Depreciation to make up Depreciation in favor of Lt Andrew McGaffee to the time of his Discharge as has been usual with other Officers of the New Hampshire Line

Ordered the Treasurer to take up a Note that John Wendall Esq^r has against this State Dated May 25th 1779 for £1000 and pay him for the Same by discounting the value of s^d Note & interest out of the present years Tax or any future Taxes

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the tax for the Current year to Lieut Joseph Huntoon two pounds twelve shillings & six pence being an allowance on a Barrell of Beef which he purchased of said State

DEC^r 7th Ordered the Treas^r to pay Zach^h Fowle Eighteen pounds towards his Account and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Maj^r Caleb Robinson, cloathing to the amount of fifteen pounds and for which he is to be Accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay James Thurston One pound Six shillings for use of Slay Chaise

Wrote to the Board of War See page—178

NOV^r 18 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the current year to the following Persons viz

To Jonathan Martin	19	6	0
Matthew Wallace	0	18	0
Moses Cunningham	1	0	0
Samuel Cunningham	0	10	0
Samuel Gorden	0	5	0
Abiel Abbott	2	10	3
Jeremiah Abbott	1	3	2
Jonas Brown	2	6	4
Elias Boynton	5	10	0
Thomas Caldwell	0	9	0
Joshua Bayley	15	16	4
Thomas Caldwell	0	17	0
Aaron Felt	2	19	0
Oliver Whiting	4	4	8
for keeping &c public Cattle			

DEC^r 7th Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the tax for the current year to M^r Jedidiah Jewett fifty two shillings and for which he is to be accountable

Wrote to Francis Blood Esq & Capt Jenison Col^o Joseph Badger relative to Beef Cattle See page 178

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Balch Eight pounds also Seventeen pounds towards riding as Post and for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col Supply Clapp by Discount out of the tax for the current thirty six pounds for which he is to be accountable

DEC 12th Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett fourteen pounds nine shillings and one penny to be accountable out of his Account of Expences for driving Cattle to the Army

Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett Seven pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Account for going to the Army to sell Beef Cattle &c

DEC 13—Ordered the Treas to pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett Six pounds lawful Money towards his Acco^t for Expences to Boston relative to settling the Accoun^ts of Beef Cattle & for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to let M^r Jedidiah Jewett have to the amount of thirty pounds in such Cloaths as they have in your Custody & belonging to this State for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to let Capt Josiah Gilman have to the amount of twenty two pounds six shillings & Six pence to-

ward his Account in such Cloaths as they have in their Custody & belonging to this State for which he has Accounted

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Capt Josiah Gilman One Hundred pounds being the Balance of his Account as one of the Com^{tee} for settling Depreciation

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver Lieut Jonathan Cass to the amount of twelve pounds in such Cloaths as he may request for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Pearson Six shillings & six pence being the Balance of his Account for sundries supplied by him for the use of the s^d State

Ordered the Board of War to pay Jonathan Cilley Eight pounds lawful money being one month pay in lieu of Beef & Rum as per vote of Court

DEC^r 13—Ordered Simeon Ladd to Grant the liberty of the yard to Jesse Christey See p. 178

Appointed Col Sam^l Hunt & Col^o Nahum Baldwin Muster Masters See page 179

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Gilman Esq thirty pounds two shillings being for the use of Room &c

DEC 14, 1782 Ordered M^r Ephraim Robinson to deliver to the Board of War One of the Beef Cattle in his Custody & belonging to this State for which they are to be accountable

Ordered that Lt Joseph Huntoon & Capt Chase Taylor continue on Quarter instead of Half pay as Invalid Pensioners

Ordered M^r Robinson to Deliver Maj Caleb Robinson fifteen pounds in Beef for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver Capt Eliph^t Ladd Twelve pounds in Tow & Linen Cloth being for an Order returned in favor of Josiah Mitchell for securing Israel Wing a Deserter

JAN^y 2^d 1783 What follows this date is entered in another book

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to George Downing Serj^t in such Articles as they have on hand & belonging to this State, Two months pay for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781

Ordered the Board of War to deliver to Capt Moses Dustin Two months pay in such Articles as they have on hand & belonging to this State, for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781

The above Order returned & the following Orders Granted

Orderd the Board of War to Deliver Capt Moses Dustin One months pay in such Articles as they have on hand & belonging to this State for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the tax for 1782 to Captⁿ Moses Dustin twelve pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781

JAN^y 3—Ordered the Board of War to pay Barten Pollard William Russell, David Watson, Edward Kendall, James Worster, Moses Ferrin, Joseph Sudrich each one months pay for which they are Severally accountable out of their depreciation

Capt Salter has accounted for three Barrels of Beef as per Roll, and for two Barrels as per W Blunts Account

Directed Capt Salter to continue his Command at fort Washington &c : See p. 179

Ordered the Board of War to pay Eben^r Crommett Joseph Gorden John Loring, Gaiues Niles & Simon Knowles each one months pay for which they are severally accountable out of their Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Selectmen of Rye by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1782 Six pounds being travel money paid to Nath^l Foss Job Foss John Yeaton & Edward Hall to Springfield

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1782 to Joseph Sudrich Two pounds to Eben^r Crommett Serj^t Three pounds to Barton Pollard Serj Three pounds to William Russel Two pounds to Moses Ferrin two pound David Doe two pounds John Loring, two pound Edward Rendal forty four shill^{ls} James Worster two pound Simon Knowles two pound Joseph Gorden two pounds and to Gaius Niles Serj^t three pounds being one months pay to each as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation. Also Ordered the board of War to pay one months pay to the afores^d Soldiers in such Articles as they have on hand

JAN^y 4th 1783 Order the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for 1782 to Serj John Canny three pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation also Ordered the Board of War to pay the s^d Canny one months pay in such Articles as they have on hand to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

Permitted Simeon Ladd Goalkeeper to grant the Liberty of the Town of Exeter to Jesse Cristey but not to go without the Bounds of said town without the permission of the General Court or this Committee he finding sufficient Bondsmen for his appearance when called for

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Tax for 1782 to Capt James Carr twelve pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation Also Ordered the Board of War to pay s^d Carr twelve pounds (being one months pay) in such Articles as they have on hand to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

JAN^y 9th Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to all Officers & Soldiers belonging to the New Hampshire Line at home on furlough, One months pay in such Articles as you have on hand & belonging to this State, excepting to such Officers & Soldiers who have had separate Orders for s^d one months pay for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay W^m D. Cannon forty shill^g Matthew Greer forty shill^g Serj^t Jean Jacques Guillier la Jeunesse three pounds Jn^o Robinson forty shill^gs Robert Craige forty shillings Jn^o Foss forty shillings & to Serj William Towle three pounds being one months pay as Continental Soldiers and for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Jon^a Blake two pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence being the Balance of his Acco^t for keeping & nursing Abr'am Matthews a Continental Soldier

10th Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to David Howe Serj^t or Order three pounds & to John S Farnum Corp^l or Order forty four shillings being one months pay as Continental Soldier for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Edward Maison Serj three pounds & to Icabod Martin two pounds being one months pay as a Continental Soldier for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

11th Ordered the Treas^r to pay Zach^h Fowle Sixty pounds in part towards printing the second Plan of Government for which he is to be accountable.

Gave Directions to the Treas^r relative to Horses purchased by M^r Jewett see page 180

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the States Taxes to Lt & Adj^t Joseph Mills eleven pounds eighteen shillings and to Serj Abel Morrill three pounds being one months pay as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

Jan^y 16 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Benj^a Welch a Private two pounds to Matthew N. Sanborn Serj^t Six pounds to Zadock Reed two pounds to L^t John Harvey one hundred and Sixty one shillings being one months pay as a Lt in the Continental Army, to be accountable out of Depreciation

Ordered the Board of War to Deliver to Zadock Reed Twenty one yds of cloth of such as you have on hand belonging to this State agreeably to an Order drawn on you by Capt Asa Senter for which s^d Senter is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

JAN^y 17. Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to David Watson 40s Capt D^d McGregor 12[£] Cape Sam^l Cherry 12[£] W^m Heath 40s & to Elip^t Rollins 40s being one months pay to each as belonging to y^e Con^t Army to be accounted for out of Depreciation

JAN^y 18—Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Account of the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq. amounting to 19s for Medic^{ns} and Attendance on Abr^m Matthes a Recruit.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Jesse Hall fifty one shillings & John Balch thirty seven shillings for driving Cattle for which M^r Jed^h Jewett is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Caesar Wallace forty shillings to Daniel Clough forty shillings Capt Moody Dustin twelve pounds & to Capt Will^m Rowell twelve pounds Ensign Oliver Baron Six pounds Lt Moses Page Eight pounds—Phineas Wentworth forty shillings, James Marden priv^{te} forty shillings being one month pay for each to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

JAN^y 24. Ordered M^r Eph^m Robinson to send Eight Barrels of Salted Beef to the Care of Coll Clapp at Portsmouth for the use of the Troops at Piscataqua Harbour

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Corp^l Robert Rawlins forty four shillings being one months pay as a Corp in the Continental Army to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

Wrote to Joseph Whipple Esq See page 380

25 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Lt Jon^a Cass twelve pounds James Norris forty shillings—one months pay to each as belonging to the Continental Army to be accounted for out of Depreciation

30 THURSDAY the Com^{tee} met and took into consideration sundry matters relative to Maj Stark Pritchard & Joseph Blanchard Esq

31 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes To Lt Robt B. Wilkins eight pounds John Eastman forty shillings

Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r Jewett nine pounds for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Smith Esq nine pounds in part for recording the Journals of the House for which he is to be accountable

FEB^y 6—Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Taxes for 1782 to Capt Tim^o Barron Constable of Haverhill two hundred & seventeen pounds & seven pence being so much rece^d by Col Johnston for Supply^g Soldiers sent for the Defence of Westⁿ frontiers

Orderd the Treas^r to pay by Discount out of the Taxes to Lt Arch^d Stark eight pounds Beriah Abbott forty shillings Serj Tim^o Farnham three pounds—Sam^l Rawlings forty shill^{gs} Corp^l John Merrill forty four shillings, Nehem^h Merrill forty shillings

8 Joshua Danford forty shillings Cato Fisk forty shillings Jude Hall 40s

Double Returns continued from page 82.—

		Names	Claimed by	Belongs to
May	3	John Caldwell Peter Freeman Negro.	Londonderry & Candia.	Candia Kingston.
	10	Elisha Roberts Ezekiel Stone,	Seabrook & Weare. Henniker, Newton, & State.	Weare. Newtown.
		Obed McLane	Goffstown & Litchfield	Goffstown
	15	Icabod Martin John Raino	Derryfield & Goffstown	Goffstown
	23	Edward McCalley	Londonderry & State	London- derry
		John Allen		London- derry
	31	Daniel Horn	Dover & Rochester	Dover
June	18	Florence McCalley	Concord Conway	Conway
	21	John Raino	Amherst & Andover	Andover
	d ^o	John Ash	Andover & Salisbury	Andover
	d ^o	Amasa Parker	Swanzy & Winchester	not deter- min ^d
	24	John Nicholson	is made to appear that he is now in the Army for the Town of Swanzy	
Re-hearing				
July	12 th	Joshua Wilson	New Chester & Goffstown	New Chester
	12	Richard Green	North Hampton & Rye	North Hampton
	d ^o	Will ^m Hill	Lee & Barrington	Lee
	d ^o	Andrew Johnson	Durham & Barrington	Durham
		Joseph Wilson	Amherst Lyndebor ⁿ & Rindge	Amherst
	19	Lemuel Royce - alias Rice	Richmond & Hollis	Richmond
		Paul Cook	Dover Deerfield	Dover
	26	Joseph Hall	Barrington & Nottingham	Barring- ton
Aug	2	Asa Crosson	Hampton & Richmond	Richmond
Aug	2 ^d	{ Nath ^l Powers Abner Powers Tho ^s Hunt Will ^m Taggart }	Charlestown & Richmond	Richmond

29	David Doe.	New Durham & Rochester	New Durham
Sept 19	Simeon Powers Peter Beebee	Charlestown & Ackworth a Deserter appears to belong to Gilsom	Ackworth
Oct ^o 4 th	David Scott inlisted for the present War is to be reckond to belong to Hampton Falls		

Exeter July 4th 1781.

Pursuant to a Vote of the Hon^{ble} Court appointing a Committee to Examine and determine the double Returns, from several Towns, of Soldiers belonging to the State of New Hampshire in the Continental Army, after hearing the Parties beg leave to report as follows, viz^t

		Claimed by	Belongs to
Icabod Perry	given up by	Packersfield to	Wilton
Daniel Barker	returned for	Wilton belongs to	Mile Slip
Bunker Clark	claimed by	New Ipswich	Packersfield
Michael George	D ^o	Londonderry	Exeter
David Mordin	D ^o	Rye	Brintwood
Winthrop Fox	D ^o	Plymouth & Campton we say belongs to	Plymouth
Nicholas Hall	D ^o	Plastow	Plymouth
David Nevins	returned by	Plymouth	Alexandria
Edw ^d Evans	claim'd by	Boscawen	Plymouth
Samuel Wilson	D ^o	Kensington	Conway
John Wadleigh	D ^o	Atkinson	Exeter
Paul Cook	D ^o	Deerfield	Dover
Samuel Heath	D ^o	Atkinson	Plastow
Alex ^{dr} McMasters	D ^o	Windham	Londonderry
Joseph Green	D ^o	Greenland	Stratham
Caesar Wallace	D ^o	Newtown	Rye
Benj ^a Dockum	Given up by Eppitfg to Hampton for one year		
Levi Pottle	a recruit claimed by	Stratham	Rye
George Patterson	claim'd by	Exeter	Thornton

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Alex ^d Patterson	D ^o	Exeter	Thornton
James Floyd	D ^o	Greenland	Stratham

Mem^o Determinations of Com^{tee} of Safety purs^t to Vote of the 4 July 1781

July 13	David Hunt	Sandown & Poplin	Poplin
	Simon Knowles	Northwood & Poplin	Northwood
19	Benj ^a Dowe	Northwood & Newmarket	Northwood
	Joseph Gorden	Exeter & Kingston	Kingston
	Will ^m Clifford	Kingston & East Kingston	given up by Kingston

		James Kenniston	Newmarket & Stratham	Newmar- kett
		Will ^m Willey	Nottingham & Gilmantown	Notting- ham
Aug. 28.		George Wilson	Nottingham West & Wind- ham	Windham
		W ^m Darrah	Litchfield & Windham	Determ ^{tn} put off
		Silas Fox	Campton & Moses Dow Esq	Campton
		George Sheppard	Boscawen & Canterbury	Boscawen
Sept 6		Sam ^l Wells	Sandown & Chester	Sandown
		Peter Wells	Not determ ^d because New	Chester not notified
		David Morgan	Brintwood & Rye	Brintwood
14		Thos ^s Shaw	Portsm ⁿ Green ^{ld} & Allens- town	Allenstown
		John Cook	Dover & Pembroke	Pembroke
20		Benja ⁿ Cotton	Bow & Gilmantown	Bow
		James Bowles	Kingston & Bow—Given up by Bow to Kingston	
21		Rob ^t Livingston	New Boston & Concord	New Bos- ton
		Andrew White	New Boston & Goffstown	New Bos- ton
		Sam ^l Boyd	Hollis, Goffstown & New Boston	New Bos- ton
		Sam ^l Davis	Hampstead & Goffstown	Hampstead
		Andrew White	New Boston & Goffstown	New Bos- ton
Oct ^r 5		Joseph Smith	Boscawen, Plastow Plymouth & Went- worth Plastow	
	6	George Fall	Somersworth & Wakefield	Wakefield
		W ^m Wentworth	Somersworth & Wakefield	Wakefield
		Jon ^a Morgan	Nottingham & Wakefield	Wakefield
19		Sterling Heath	Atkinson & New Chester	New Ches- ter
1781		Names	Claimed by	Belongs to
		John Clark	Hampstead & New Chester	New Chester
		Joshua Wilson	Goffstown & New Chester	New Chester
Nov ^r 30		Peter Wells	Chester Sandown & New Chester	Chester

1782	March	Disputes settled since the Act ascertaining Deficiencies	
		Jn ^o Scales Farnham Hopkinton & Concord	Hopkinton
		W ^m Moulton	allowed to Hampton
21		John Merrill	Pembroke & Concord Concord
		Nathan Shead	Concord & Windham Concord
		W ^m Darrah	Windham & Litchfield Windham
		Tho ^s Pitts	Romney & Concord Concord
		W ^m Lyons	New Holderness & Concord Concord
		Daniel Clough	Weare & Hopkinton Weare
		Jn ^o Nicholas Harbour adjudg'd to	Winches- ter
		Tho ^s Matthews	Allenstown & Deerfield Deerfield
		Isaac Clerkin	allowed to Lyndsborough by a Cert ^e y ^t he is in Service
		Daniel Bridges	allowed to Wolfbor- ough
		Sam ^l Neil	claimd by Temple & Moulton- bo ^{ro} — Moultonbo ^{ro} notified but not appearing it is the Opinion of Com ^{tee} that said Neil belongs to Temple
April 18		James Bowley	Atkinson & Kingston Kingston
19		Eph ^m Blood is allowed to Dunstable as } turn fr ^m Camp	Re-
		James Allard	Portsmouth & Hampton Hampton
		Jon ^a Eaton	Seabrook & Hampton Hampton
26		Enoch Dockum	a Deserter joind March 1781 Epping
		Nat Brown	Sandwich & Epping Sandwich

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chosen 27 Dec 1781

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John T Gilman
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Phyllis White
Joseph Pearson Dacey

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THURSDAY JANUARY THE 2^d 1783. Ordered, That the Board of War deliver to George Downing Serjt (in such Articles as they have on hand and belonging to this State) Two months pay for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781.

Ordered that the Board of War deliver to Capt Moses Dustin Two mo. pay in such Articles as they on hand and belonging to this State for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781.

The above Order in fav^r of Capt Dustin was returned.

Ordered that the Board of War deliver to Capt Moses Dustin one mo. pay in such Articles as they have on hand and belonging to this State for which he is to be accountable out of this Depreciation for the year 1781.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the Tax for 1782 to Capt Moses Dustin Twelve pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation for the year 1781.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3^d 1783 Ordered that the Board of War pay Barton Pollard, William Russell, David Watson, Edward Rendell, James Worcester, Moses Ferrin & Joseph Sudrich each one months pay for which they are severally accountable out of their Depreciation.

This day Capt Salter accounted for 3 Bl^s Beef as P Roll & for two Barrels of Beef as P W^m Blunts Account.

Directed Capt Salter to continue his Command at fort Washington See page 1. Copy Lett^{rs} &c

Ordered that the Board of War pay Eben^r Crommett, Joseph Gorden, John Loring, Gaius Niles and Simon Knowles each one Months Pay for which they are severally accountable out of their Depreciation.

Ordered that the Treasurer the Selectmen of Rye, by discount out of the Tax for the year 1782, Six pounds being Travel, Money paid to Nathaniel Foss, Job Foss John Yeaton and Edward Hall to Springfield.

Ordered That the Treasurer pay, by Discount out of the Tax for the year 1782, to Joseph Sudrich two pounds, Ebenezer Commett Serjt three pounds, Barton Pollard Serjt three pounds, William Russell two pounds, Moses Ferrin two pounds, David Doe two pounds, John Loring two pounds, Edward Randal forty four shillings, James Worster two pounds, Simon Knowles Two pounds, Joseph Gorden two pounds and Gaius Niles Serjt three pounds being one months pay to each as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation. Also Ordered

that the Board of War pay the aforesaid Soldiers one months Wages in such Articles as they have on hand.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4th 1783 Ordered, That the Treasurer pay, (by Discount out of the Tax for 1782) Serj^t John Canney three pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation: Also Ordered that the Board of War pay the said Canney one months Wages in such Articles as they have on hand to be accounted for out of his Depreciation.

Permitted Simeon Ladd Goal-keeper to grant the liberty of the Town of Exeter to Jesse Christey but not to go without the Bounds of said Town without the permission of the General Court or Committee of Safety, he finding sufficient Bondsmen for his appearance when called for.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay Capt James Carr, by Discount out of the Tax for 1782, Twelve pounds for which he is to be accountable out of his Depreciation: Also that the Board of War pay said Carr twelve pounds (being one months pay) in such Articles as they have on hand to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9th, 1783. Appointed The Hon. Josiah Bartlett Esq Chairmⁿ Com^{tee} S.

Ordered, that the Board of War deliver to all Officers & Soldiers, belonging to the New Hampshire Line at Home on furlough, One months pay in such Articles as they have on hand and belonging to this State excepting to such Officers and Soldiers who have had separate Orders for said one months pay for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay W^m D. Cannon forty shillings, Serj^t Jean Jacques Guillier la Jeunesse three pounds, John Robinson forty shillings Robert Craige forty shillings, John Foss forty shillings and Serj^t William Towle three pounds being one months pay as Continental Soldiers and for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay Jon^a Blake fifty seven shillings & nine pence being the balance of his Account for keeping and nursing Abraham Matthews a Continental Soldier

JAN^y 10. Ordered the Treasurer to pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to David House Serj^t or Order three pounds and to John S. Farnum, Corp^l forty four shillings being one months pay as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation—

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay (by Discount out of the State Taxes) Edward Maison Serj^t three pounds and to Icabod Martin two pounds, being one months pay as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation.

SATURDAY JANUARY 11th 1783 Ordered that the Treasurer pay Zach^h Fowle Sixty pounds in part towards printing the second Plan of Government for which he is to be accountable

Gave Directions to the Treasurer relative to two Horses purchased by M^r Jewett See p. 1.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay, by Discount out of the State Taxes, Lt & Adj^t Joseph Mills eleven pounds eighteen shillings, and Serj^t Abel Morrill three pounds being one months pay as Continental Soldiers for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 1783 Ordered that the Treasurer pay, by Discount out of the State Taxes to Benjamin Welch a private, two pounds, to Matthew N. Sanborn Six pounds, to Zadock Reed two pounds, to Lt John Harvey eight pounds being one months pay to each as belonging to the New Hampshire Line for which they are to be accountable out of their Depreciation

Ordered that the Board of War deliver to Zadock Reed Twenty one yards of Cloth agreeably to an Order drawn on them by Capt Asa Senter for which said Senter is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

FRIDAY JANUARY 17, 1783 Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to David Watson forty shillings, Capt David Macgregore twelve pounds, Capt Samuel Cherry twelve pounds, William Heath forty shillings & to Eliphalet Rawlins forty shillings being one months Wages to each as belonging to the Continental Army to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

SATURDAY JANUARY 18, 1783. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay the Account of the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq: amounting to nineteen shillings & six pence for Medicine & Attendance on A. Matthes a Recruit.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay Jesse Hall fifty one shillings and John Balch thirty seven shillings for driving Cattle for which M^r Jedidiah Jewett is to be accountable.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Caesar Wallace forty shillings to Daniel Clough forty shillings, to Capt Moody Dustin twelve pounds to Capt William Rowell twelve pounds, to Ensⁿ Oliver Baron six pounds, to Lt Moses Page Eight Pounds to Phineas Wentworth forty shillings & to James Marden forty shill^g being one months pay to each to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

FRIDAY JANUARY 24, 1783. Ordered, that M^r Ephraim Robinson send Eight Barrels of salted Beef to the Care of Col. Clapp at Portsmouth for the use of the Troops at Piscataqua Harbour.

Ordered that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Corp^l Robert Rawlins forty four shillings being one months pay as a Corp. in the Continental Army to be accounted for out of his Depreciation.

Wrote to Joseph Whipple Esq relative to money for the Continental Tax. See p. 2^d Copy Lett^{rs} &c

SATURDAY JANUARY 25, 1783 Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Lt Jon^a Cass twelve pounds and to James Norris forty shillings as belonging to the Continental Army to be accounted for out of Depreciation

THURSDAY JANUARY 30, 1783. The Committee met and took into consideration sundry Matters relative Maj^r Stark, Lt Pritchard & Maj^r Joseph Blanchard

FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 1783. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Lt Robert B. Wilkins Eight pounds and to John Eastman forty shillings to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Nine pounds to M^r Jedidiah Jewett to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Bal^{ce} of Gen^l Starks Acco^t Amo^g to two hund^d & twenty two pounds one shill^s—6 mo pay & Subsistence

Ordered that the Treasurer pay John Smith Esq : Nine pounds in part for recording the Journals of the House of Representatives, for which he is to be accountable.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 6th 1783. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the Taxes for 1782. to Capt Timothy Barron Constable of Haverhill two hundred & seventeen pounds & seven pence being so much received by Col. Charles Johnson for supplying the Troops sent for the defence of the western frontiers.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the Taxes to Lt. Archibald Stark eight pounds, to Beriah Abbott forty shillings, to Serj^t Timothy Farnham three pounds, to Samuel Rawlins forty shillings, and to Corp^l John Merrill forty four shillings to be accounted for out of their Depreciation.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 8, 1783. Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Joshua Danford forty shillings, Cato Fisk forty shillings & to Jude Hall forty shillings to be accounted for out of their Depreciation.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett Sixteen pounds ten shillings in bills of the new Emission being the balance of his Acco^t for settling Depreciation from June 29th 1780 to Jan^y 8, 1781

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the Taxes to the Selectmen of Poplin two pounds three shillings, being for an Order returned for Eighty pounds old Currency—Bounty & Travel money paid two men enlisted in Col^o Mooneys Regiment for the Defence of Rhode Island.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay the balance of the Account of M^r Jedidiah Jewett as State Clothier, amounting to Sixty five pounds nine shillings and nine pence

Ordered, that the Treas^r pay Mark Nutter or Order forty shillings & John Mitchell forty shillings as privates in the New Hampshire Line to be accounted for out of Depreciation

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 13, 1783. Ordered, that Isaac Williams Iss^g Coms Deliver to the Soldiers under marching Orders six days Provision to enable them to go to Camp.

Ordered, that the Treas^r pay by Discount out of the Taxes forty four shillings, to Corp^l Stephen Runels as belonging to the Continental Army to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay forty shillings by discount out of the State Taxes to Samuel Ward as a priv^{te} belonging to the New Hampshire line to be accounted for out of his Depreciation.

Ordered that the Treas^r pay forty shillings by discount out of the State Taxes to Edward Sawyer: Also Orderd that the Board of War pay said Sawyer one months Wages in such Articles as they have on hand & belonging to this State to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Treas^r to pay, by discount out of the Taxes, Corp^l Sam^l Marsh forty four shillings, Jacob Thomas Fifer, forty four shillings Nathan Hoit 40s Benj^a Berry 40s Joel Procter 40s Lt Nathan Weare eight pounds one m^o Wages to be accounted for out of Depreciation

Ordered that the Treas^r pay Simon Knowles forty shillings Reuben Rand 40s James Hawkley 40s John Caldwell Fifer 44s Andrew White Serj 3£ Daniel Gage Serj 3£ Col Geo. Reid 22£ 10 Cap^t Geo P Frost 12£ Lt Joshua Merrow 8£ George Abbot 40s John Shepherd Serj^t 60£ to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of Wilton Sixty six shillings and eight pence being travel money paid four Soldiers to Springfield as ^{per} Receipts

Ordered that the Treas^r pay M^r Jedidiah Jewett or Order by discount out of the State Taxes three pounds two shillings Also Six pounds eight shillings & five pence half penny for driving Cattle to be by him accounted for

26 Ordered that the Treas^r pay by Discount out of State Taxes to the Selectmen of Packersfield One pound twelve shillings—Travel money paid John French & John Morse to Springfield

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by Discount out of the Taxes to the Selectmen of Pembroke four pounds ten shillings travel money paid Aaron Kimbal, Benj^a Sargent, John Kimbal & Gidⁿ Piper to Springfield

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by discount out of State Taxes to the Town of Keene thirty shillings and four pence travel money paid Benj^a Randal & Eben^r Billings to Haverhill, Coos

Ordered, that the Treas^r pay by discount to the Selectmen of Concord Seven pounds eleven shillings and eight pence travel money paid seven Soldiers in Cap^t Heads Company to Springfield

Ordered, that the Treas^r pay the Selectmen of Lyme by discount out of the State Taxes for 1782 Ten pounds six shillings and three pence—for eight hundred & twenty five pounds wt of Beef rec'd by Col^o Charles Johnston of Capt John Thompson for Supplies of Soldiers at Haverhill

Ordered, That the Treas^r pay by discount out of the Taxes to B. Gen^l Joseph Badger ten shillings & nine pence travel money paid Ammi Choate to Haverhill Coos

Ordered That the Treas^r pay by discount out of the Taxes to Nathian Greenleaf 44s Samuel G. Allen 40s Thomas Harvey 40s Dependance Colebath 60s

MARCH 5th Ordered, That the Treas^r pay by discount out of State Taxes to Joseph Young Corp^l forty four shillings, Josh^a Snow Serj^t Sixty Shillings, Alexander Patterson forty shillings Will^m Hilton Drumm^r forty four shillings Dan^l Cross Corp^l forty four shillings, Asaph Butler forty shillings, Jon^a Downing Serj^t Maj Sixty shillings John Rogers Serj 60s Samuel Card 60s Geo Shepherd 40s Sam^l Lear 40 Icabod Horn 40s David Page Corp 44s Col^o Dearborn £22-10 Gidⁿ Kirkland 40s Silas Russel 40s John Jenness 40s Edw^d Eastman 40s. being one months pay to each as belonging to the New Hampshire line to be accounted for out of Depreciation

MARCH 6—Ordered that the Treas^r pay Joshua Copp Col^t of Beef—Grafton five pounds fourteen shillings for time & Expences &c to notify Towns of the time to receive Beef

Ordered That the Treas^r pay William Hilton Drumm^r or Order Eight pounds eight shillings to be by him accounted for out of his Depreciation

Ordered That the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to John Marshall Jun Ten pounds eight shillings & one penny for repairing Boats &c at the forts for the Defence of Piscataqua Harbour

Ordered that the Treas^r pay Capt John Jenison or Order the following Sums viz £30 17 2—£8 8 6—£3 13—£7 12—£14 10—£13 1 7—£7 7 10—£3 1 2—£0 5 3—£8 0 11—£0 19 11—£4 5 6—£6 3 2 £2 6 3 £10 10 11 £4 10 6 £4 13 9 £0 8 0 0 18 0 11 7 0 £28 5 11 £5 1 1 for pasturing Cattle &c And Sam^l Trott £7 15 Absolem Kingsbury £2 11 6 Ju^o Alexander £4 14 6 Dan Guild £4 4 0 Jed^h Sanger £3 Capt John Jenison £16—Expences in collecting Cattle to be by him accounted for

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Maj Caleb Robinson £30 Capt Geo P Frost £24—L^t Joshua Merrow £16—Lt & Adj^t Joseph Mills £23 16—and to Lt John Adams £16—being two months pay as belonging to the New Hampshire line to be accounted for out of their Depreciation

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to M^r Ephraim Robinson the following Sums viz One for two pounds nineteen shillings—One for three pounds ten shillings & six pence—One for One pound sixteen shillings and nine pence and One for One pound nineteen shillings & six pence for keeping Cattle to be by him accounted for

Orderd that the Treas^r pay Capt Eliphalet Giddinge thirty nine pounds eighteen shillings & six pence as Collect^r of Beef Cattle and for which he is to be accountable

His Honor the President wrote to His Excellency Governor Hancock, The Hon^b Jon^a Warner Esq and to The Hon^{bl} Robert Morris Esq Financier See pages 2 & 3

11 Ordered, that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Stephen Noble 40s to Benj^a Cotton Serj^t 60s—Nath^l Glines 40s—John Nichols Serj^t Sixty shillings David Richards forty shillings Joseph Wheat 44s Joseph Ricker 40s—to be accounted for out of Depreciation

MARCH 13—THURSDAY—Ordered that the Treasurer pay by Discount out of the State Taxes to Capt Moses Dustin Nine pounds being in part for two months pay : Also fifteen pounds being in part for two months pay as belonging to the New Hampshire Line to be accounted for out of his Depreciation

Ordered, that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Levi Hoit 40s Hezekiah Clark 60s—to be accounted for out Depreciation

Gave directions to Col^o Samuel Chase relative to lands of Absentees & Subjects of Great Britain—See page 4. Copy &c

FRIDAY MARCH 14, 1783, Ordered the Treas^r to discharge the Town of Westmorland from any & all Demands respecting the Deficiency of Soldiers as it appears they have their full proportion of Men in the Continental Army

The Committee having received authentic Information that William Hilton a Soldier in the New Hampshire Battalions enlisted at Ticonderoga in the year 1776 and received no State Bounty at that time nor since, Therefore Ordered the Treas^r to issue to said William Hilton a Note for twenty pounds and a Certificate for the Interest of the same from the first day of January 1777 in the same manner as if the Notes had then been issued & now presented for the Interest

Ordered; that the Treasurer pay the Account of Rob^t Wilson Esq: Amounting to twenty four shillings Time & Expences counting Votes for Counsellors for the year 1783

Directed Joseph Gilman Esq. Capt Josiah Gilman & M^r Eph^m Robinson to adjust & Settle the Depreciation of the Wages of such Officers & Soldiers as were accounted a part of this State's troops in the year 1780 for said year whether in the New Hampshire line or not in the same manner as the said Troops were Settled with prior to that time.

Ordered That the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Capt David Macgregore twenty four pounds L^t Lemuel Mason £16 Will^m Hill Serjt £3 Joseph Nealey Serj 6os Andrew Johnson 4os one months pay to each to be accounted for out of Depreciation

A Receipt, (signed Nath^l Gilman in behalf of Nich^s Gilman Esq Treas^r) for a Bond signed by James M^cGregore, John Neal & Sam^l Folsom for 427£ was lodged in the Secretarys Office by Gen^l Folsom

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Parish of Kensington Seven pounds, travel money paid Edward True William French, Charles Page & Daniel True to Springfield

Ordered that the Treasurer pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of Hampton falls forty eight shillings travel money paid Benj^a Swett & Phineas Batchelder to Springfield

SATURDAY MARCH 15 1783, Ordered that the Treas^r pay Col^o Supply Clapp thirty pounds as Agent Victnaller to be by him accounted for

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Board of War One Hundred and fifty pounds to be by them accounted for.

THURSDAY MARCH 20, 1783—Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the Tax for 1782 to Benjamin Huntoon Constable of Salisbury five pounds five shillings Supplies for the Men raised for the defence of the western Frontiers and receivd by Col^o Charles Johnston for which said Johnston is to be accountable

FRIDAY MARCH 21, 1783—Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay by discount out of Taxes to Lt Arch^d Stark 16℥ James Norris 40s Mark Nutter 40s to be accounted for out of Depreciation

Wrote to General Stark in answer to a Letter from him See p. 4. Copy Lett^s &c

SATURDAY MARCH 22^d 1783—Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay Alexander Morrison Nine pounds eight shillings & three pence Amo^t of his Acco^t for Bread deliv^d Isaac William Iss^s Coms^v for use of Soldiers

Ordered, that the 'Treas^r pay Ephraim Barker four pounds seven shillings being the Balance of his Account for Boarding Soldiers &c as per Acco^t

Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay by discount out of the Taxes to Paul Cook 40s James Blair 40s John Norton forty shillings Stephen Ames 80s—Philip Blazedale 40s John Nichols 3℥—Will^m Hill 3℥ Joseph Nealey 3℥—Edward Eastman 40s

FEB^y 3^d 1779 Two hundred pounds was granted to Lt Gold—fifty nine pounds seven shilling & six pence to be deducted—the Remainder with what ever else he may have receiv^d to be calculated according to the Scale of Depreciation--no deduction to be made for the Doct^{rs} Bill untill presented

FRIDAY MARCH 28 1783--Had a Conference with Col Moulton relative to his house which had been improved as a Barack and agreed to enter upon it again on next Friday if Maj^r Gains shall be present

SATURDAY MARCH 29th 1783—Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay Sam^l Marsh Corp^l Eight pounds fourteen shillings—Time & Expences in securing Deserters as th Acco^t Also to pay s^d Marsh by discount out of Taxes forty four shillings—One months pay as belonging to the New Hampshire Line to be accounted for out of Depreciation

Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay by discount out of taxes to Sam^l Card Serj^t 3℥ Stephen Noble 40s Sam^l Lear 40s John Mitchel 40s Capt Sam^l Cherry 24℥ Joseph Ricker 40s—Col^o Geo Reid 22℥ 10 Doctor Sam^l Morey 12℥ Geo. Shepherd 40s Alex^{dr} Patterson 40s John Rogers 3℥ and Icabod Horn 40s to be accounted for out of Depreciation

Ordered that the 'Treasurer pay the Account of Zach^h Fowle amounting to Ninety pounds six shillings & ten pence in the following manner viz: An Order on the 'Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes for thirty pounds three shillings & ten pence.

FRIDAY APRIL 4th 1783. Desired the Selectmen of Epping to deliver to Col^o Cilley one Barrel of Powder now in your Custody & belonging to this State

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Supply Clapp thirty nine pounds fifteen shillings & nine pence for which he is to be accountable as Agent Victualer

Desired Gen^l Folsom to take the Care & Charge of two Brass field Pieces which were brought from Portsmouth by Capt Jon^a Cass.

Wrote to M^r Robert Smith relative to Col^o George Reid—See page 5. Copy Lett^r &c

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Sammel Lear 40s Dep^{de} Colbath 60s Andrew Johnson 40s for which each is to be accountable out of his Depreciation

FRIDAY APRIL 11th 1783. Desired the Board of War to deliver to Maj^r Geo. Gains such a quantity of powder as he may desire; but not to exceed four Barrels

His Honor the President wrote to His Excellency President Boudinot relative to the Death of the Continental Loan Officer for this State See p-5 Copy of Letters

SATURDAY 12 APRIL 1783 Desired the Board of War to deliver the second months pay to the Officers & Soldiers of the New Hampshire line at home on furlough if requested, to be accounted for out of their Depreciation for the year 1781

WEDNESDAY 16 APRIL 1783—Ordered the Board of War to pay to John Balch Post Rider to the amount of Nine pounds ten shillings in such Articles as they have on hand and belonging to this State to be by him accounted for

FRIDAY APRIL 18th 1783 Desired the Board of War to deliver to Brig^d Gen^l Whipple two Barrels of Powder out of the four Barrels for which Maj^r Gains had an Order dated 11, April 1783

THURSDAY APRIL 24th 1783 His Honor the President certified that it is the Opinion of the Committee of Safety that Lt Nath^l Boyd in Capt Tho^s Nichols Company raised for the Defence of the Western frontiers in the year 1780 is intitled to an Order for forty five shillings & six pence Silver money as Lt in said Company when there is a Treas^r on whom an Order may be drawn

APRIL 25, 1783 Ordered the Committee on Depreciation to settle with Cap^t Nicholas Gilman as an Assistant to the Adj^t Gen^l for his Additional pay from the 15th of Jan^y 1778 to the end of the year 1781

Liberated & discharged Jesse Christey from bonds &c—See Copy of Letters &c p. 6

WEDNESDAY APRIL 30th 1783 Directed Capt Salter to continue his Command at fort Washington with Lt Bell and to discharge all those under his Command Excepting One Serjeant and Six privates

MAY 16, 1783—Gave directions to Capt Salter relative to Sale of Bridge &c See page 6. Copy Le

MAY 24th 1783 The Board of War to let Capt Josiah Gilman have to the amount of twenty five pounds in such Articles as they have at hand at cash price

Gave Instructions to Eleazer Russel Esq^r naval Officer See page 7—Copy Lett^r of Instr^{tn}

SATURDAY MAY 23^d 1783—Directed Isaac Williams Iss^g Com^{sy} to make Sale of all the Beef which he has on hand and belonging to this State at public Vendue giving timely notice of the Sale and that State Securities will be taken in payment therefor

JUNE 6 1783—The Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq certified that the Com^{tee} Recd of Col^o Geo. Reid by the hands of Lt Harvey three hundred & ninety two Dollars of the new Emission & Receipts for Six hundred & fifty Dol^s like money paid to thirteen Soldiers for a Bonnty which sums were on Acco^t of 1500 Doll^s s^d Reid receivd of s^d State by the hand of M^r J. Jewett

JUNE 7, 1783 wrote to M^r Peirce Pay Master Gen^l See p. 7 Copy Lett^{rs} &c

THURSDAY JUNE 26th 1783—Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay Capt Sam^l Gilman fifty six pounds sixteen shillings and one penny Balance due to said Gilman as a Trustee of the confiscated Estate of the late Governor John Wentworth Esq

Ordered that the Treas^r Issue Certificates for the Interest due on the following Notes viz^t N^o 16 dated May 3^d 1782 for four Hundred pounds—N^o 17—dated May 3^d 1782 for four hundred pounds—N^o 19—dated May 3^d 1782 for three Hundred pounds all in favor of Gen^l James Reid—and endorse the same on said Notes and take a Receipt for the same

FRIDAY JUNE 27th 1783—Ordered that the 'Treas^r pay Gen^l Folsom Seventy two shillings for expences &c &c transporting two field Pieces from Portsm^o to Exeter

SATURDAY 28th JUNE 1783 Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay the Widow Mary Hill Seven pounds sixteen shillings for barracking Soldiers from March 1 to March 31, 1783

FRIDAY JULY 11th 1783—Wrote to Maj^r Geo. Gains & M^r Nath^l Folsom relative to Barracks &c See page 9—also to Lt Meshech Bell See page 10

SATURDAY JULY 12—1783—Ordered the 'Treas^r to Let the Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett have thirty pounds (drawn in two Order of fifteen pounds each) for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the 'Treas^r to pay, by discomnt out of the Taxes, Col^o Jacob Gale fifty four shillings for mustering Soldiers in 1779: also the Sum of Seventy two shillings for mustering Soldiers in 1779

THURSDAY 24 JULY 1783—Ordered that the Treasurer Issue a Note in favor of Samuel Potter with a Certificate for the Interest thereof for the sum of forty two pounds six shillings and eight pence in the following manner viz^t a Certificate for the Interest of the sum of twelve pound from the last of the year 1780—for the Interest of twelve pounds from the last of the year 1781—for the Interest of the Sum of twelve pounds from the last of the year 1782 being his extra pay of twenty shillings ⁷/₈ month instead of a bounty promised him in the year 1776 in full of his extra pay to the 10th of July 1783—

FRIDAY 25th JULY 1783—Desired M^r Thomas Bickford Issuing Coms^v to prepare his Accounts in order for settlement and that he attend said business on Friday next at Exeter

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Simeon Ladd Goal keeper four pounds nineteen shillings and six pence being the balance of his Account for carrying John Stinson from Dunbarton to Exeter Goal &c &c

Ordered that the Treasurer pay Joseph Pearson thirty eight shillings & three pence being the amount of his Account for sundries supply^d for the use of the State

Wrote to Sundry Persons in Brintwood relative to powder See page 10 Copy Letters & Instructions

Wrote to The Hon^{ble} John Langdon see page 11—

Gave a Certificate to the Town of Pembroke See p. 11

Desired Capt. Josiah Gilman to call on Col^o Dan^l Reynolds & Cap Ezek^l Worthen know why all men on their Roll (Rhode Island Service) are not paid off as some of them complain y^t they have not receivd their due

JULY 29 Wrote to Col^o Sam^l Hubbard desiring him to deliver to Joseph Gilman Esq (one of the Committee to settle the Accounts between this and the united States) the pay Rolls now in his hands, that the same may be presented to M^r Gorham for allowance

Signed by Nath^l Folsom Chairmⁿ

FRIDAY AUGUST 1st 1783 Ordered that the Treas^r pay L^t Rob^t B. Wilkins forty six shillings & eight pence being so much due to him on Capt Walkers pay Roll in 1776

SATURDAY AUGst 2^d 1783 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by Discount to Thomas Odiorne Esq Receiver of non residents Taxes the Sum—Two hundred & four pounds fifteen shillings and five pence one farthing being the taxes on the lands of the late John Tomlinson Esq decesd Col^o Mason & John Fisher Esq for the year 1782

The Acco^t of Maj^r Benjamin Whitcomb for Bounties paid to Soldiers, Journey to procure Provisions &c &c was allowed

FRIDAY AUGUST 8th 1783 Ordered that the Treas^r pay Col^o Supply Clapp or Order the following Sums viz : Twenty six pounds eleven shillings—fifteen pounds—Ten pounds seventeen shillings & four pence and Twenty three pounds seven shillings and six pence for which he is to be accountable as Agent Victualler

SATURDAY AUGUST 9th 1783—Ordered the Treasurer to Issue a Note in favor of Major William Scott for twenty pounds being a State Bounty paid by him to John Brown in June 1777

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of Amherst, their Account amounting one hundred fifty six pounds five shillings & one penny in the following manner viz One Order for 17£ 19 1 one for 50£ & one for 88£ 6 0 for supplying Recruits with Beef

Wrote to Major George Gains & M^r Nath^l Folsom of Portsmouth See page 12 Copy Letters &c

FRIDAY AUGUST 15 1783 Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Hon^{ble} Phillips White Esq the Sum of Two Hundred and thirty three pounds being the balance of his Account for Attendance in Congress Travel &c from 14th Oct^o 1782 to June 5 1783

Ordered the Board of War to pay Serj^t Jean Jaquies Guillier la Jeunesse to the amount of six pounds Cash price in such Articles as they have on hand & belonging to this State—being for Expences &c in marching Edwards Wing Allard & Wait to Camp

Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Balch fifty nine pounds ten shillings & six pence Ballance of his Acco^t in full for riding Post from July 1782 to July 27th 1783

SATURDAY 16 AUGUST 1783—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Josiah Gilman Jun^r three pounds five shillings & four pence Expenses to Concord by desire of Gen^l Court

Wrote to Col^o Enoch Hale See page 12

FRIDAY AUGUST 29th 1783—His Honor the President certified to the Treas^r that the Town of Chester is to have Credit for Thomas Downing & Charles Breed who were mustered by Caleb Robinson Muster Master one on the 17th and the other on the 23^d of Jan^y 1783 for whom as yet they have had no Credit

Ordered the Treas^r to issue a Note in favor of Brig^d Gen^l John Stark for two Hundred & twenty two pounds five shillings & six pence being the balance of his Acco^t as Brig^d Gen^l in 1781

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Supply Clapp by discount out of the State Taxes the Sum of thirty three pounds also the Sum of Sixty five pounds thirteen shillings and eleven pence in full of his Acco^t as Agent Victualler

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joseph Tilton Sixty three shillings—travel money paid to Benj^a Davis, Jon^a Wyman John Buswell to Springfield

Gave a Permit to Daniel Nelson to visit his relations at Portsmouth See page 13—Also a Permit to Abigail Robertson See page 13—

SATURDAY AUGUST 30th 1783 Ordered that the Treas^r pay Zachariah Fowle the Sum of Sixteen pounds ten shillings in part towards his Account

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Capt Eliphalet Giddinge thirty pounds also the sum of twenty eight pounds five shillings six pence for which he is accountable as Collector of Beef

FRIDAY SEPT 5—1783 Ordered that the Treas^r pay Maj^r Geo. Gains three pounds amo^t of his Acco^t for Expences &c in settling the Aco^t of Col^o Jon^a Moulton

SATURDAY SEPT 6th 1783 Ordered the Treasurer to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Col^o Joseph Badger Sixteen pounds four shillings & nine pence also Ten pounds seven shillings and ten pence in full of his Account for Collecting Beef Cattle which was the day passed and allowed

Ordered that the Treas^r pay Jon^a Moulton the Sum of Seventy five pounds lawfull money in full for the Rent of his House and Damages when used as a Barrack in 1777—also to pay Sixty pounds to the Board of war for which they are to be accountable

Directed the Treasurer to examine the Returns of the several Muster Masters since the issuing of the late Extents for the deficiencies of Soldiers, and see that the several Towns and places in this State have credit for those men which they have procured since the issuing said Extents

Ordered that the Treas^r pay to His Honor the President Mesech Weare Esq the sum of One hundred & twenty pounds for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY SEPT 19th 1783—In Com^{tee} of Safety—The Hon^r Josiah Bartlett Esq as Chairman certified that the Town of Portsmouth ought to have credit on an Extent issued against them for Edward Rendall a Soldier who was omitted and also for John Moree a Soldier in the Continental Army mustered by Major Caleb Robinson in the month of February last

Also that the Town of Greenland have credit for Paul Blaso, Tho^s Blaso and Nathan Marstint soldiers mustered by Maj Robinson in December last in part for their deficien of Soldiers to fill up their Quota

Ordered that the Treas^r pay by Discount out of the State Taxes with the Town of Salisbury the Sum of twenty pounds being for

eight hundred pounds weight of Beef supplied by s^d Salisbury in the year one thousand Seven hundred and eighty One more than Francis Blood Esq made return of

The Hon^{ble} Josiah Bartlett Esq as Chairman of the Committee of Safety certified that the Town of Sandwich having made it appear to this Committee that John Rowe a Soldier belonging to Whitcombs Corps is a Soldier belonging to s^d Town and therefore said Town is to have Credit for the said Rowe over and above the number that they have had credit for

Whereas application hath been made to this Committee by the Honorable John Langdon Esq, that permission may be granted to the wife of Colburn Barrel with her three Children to tarry at Portsmouth untill an Opportunity shall offer to return to her Husband,—whereupon ordered that She with her children, are permitted to tarry untill the further Order of the Gen^l Court or the Order of the Committee of Safety

FRIDAY OCT^o 10th 1783—Ordered the Treas^r to pay out of the State Taxes to the Board of War or their Order the Sum of fifteen pounds for which they are to be accountable—at which time an Order on the Treas^r in favor of the Board for fifteen pounds was returned s^d Order is dated May 23^d 1783

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Deacⁿ Isaac Williams as issuing Commissary the Sum of two pounds eleven shillings & four pence for which he is to be accountable

Ordered that the Treas^r pay Isaac Merrill & John Hale, by discount out of the State Taxes, Two pounds six shillings & eight pence each for wages in Capt Walkers Company in 1776—

SATURDAY OCT^o 11th 1783 Ordered that the Treas^r pay by discount out of the State Taxes to Simeon Ladd Goal keeper Ten pounds for which he is to be Accountable

Desired the Board of War to let the Officers & Soldiers of the New Hampshire line have (if requested) such Articles as they have on hand at the prices for which they were received in at also to sell for State Securities (if desired) any of the s^d Articles

Wrote to Solomon Wheeler Dep Sheriff relative to an Extent See page 13—Copy Lett^r &c

FRIDAY OCT^o 24th 1783 To the Treas^r—The Hon^{ble} Nath^l Folsom as Chairman P T certified that the Town of Hollis having made it appear to this Court^{tee} that they had procured one Eli Stiles over and above the number of Men which have been reckoned to them for their deficiency of Soldiers

And therefore said Town ought to have credit for the said Stiles and that the Extent be returned to you they satisfying the Officer for his trouble

Whereas the Town of Deerfield did not make a proper return of one William Cushing by them procured & seasonably mustered, in consequence of which an Extent was issued against them for their deficiency of soldiers but it now appears to this Comtee that the said Town ought to have credit for s^d Cushing

This is therefore to desire that the said Extent may be recalled for the deficiency of one man they paying the Officer for his trouble

To the Treasurer.

To the Treas^r—

Whereas it appears to this Comtee that the Town of Ossipee Gore ought to have had credit for one Samuel Lear but through their negligence was not returned—This is therefore to desire that the said Ossipee Gore may have credit for the said Lear—they paying the Officer for his Trouble.—

Certified to the Treas^r—that the Town of Epping ought to have had credit for one man who thro' negligence was not returned—therefore desire that they may have credit for one Abraham Matthes who was mustered on the 25th of Decem^{br} 1782 as p^r Muster Masters Return they satisfying the Officer for his trouble return & another given

To the Treas^r

Whereas it appears to this Comtee that the Town of Moultonborough ought to be Abated one man by being overtaxed one sixth part in their proportion for the deficiency of men—And whereas they did not make a Return of one Will^m Thompson in season

This is therefore to desire that they may be abated one man and also that they have credit for the said Will^m Thompson over and above the men that they have procured

Ordered the treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to John Simes or Order Eight pounds two shillings and one penny being for sundries for the use of the State as per Account

Passed and Allowed the pay Roll of Capt Salter from Jan^y 1 to 31 July 1783 also gave Order for payment

SATURDAY OCT^o 25th 1783—Whereas the Town of New Castle hath made it appear to this Committee that they ought to have Credit for one William Goudy for whom an Extent hath been issued against them—This is therefore to desire that the said Extent may be recalled, they satisfying the Officer for his trouble

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Gilman Esq twenty four pounds one shilling in full for the Use of Room fire wood &c to the 31st Oct^o 1783

Desired the Treas^r to recall the Extent issued against Epping for their deficiency of two Soldiers viz Abraham Mathes & Jun^o White they satisfying the Officer for his trouble

CONCORD OCT^o 30th 1783 Whereas the Town of Lemster hath made it appear to this Com^{tee} that said Town ought to have Credit for one Bethuel Beckwith—This is therefore to desire that s^d Town of Lemster may have credit for s^d Beckwith over and above the men they have procured

CONCORD NOV^r 7th 1783—directed the Treas^r to give Credit to the Town of Keen for two Recruits viz Moses M. How & Arkey Temple—to the Town of Washington two Recruits viz James Maxwell & David Steel—And to the Town of Canaan one Recruit by the Name of Jon^a Lock—the above recruits were mustered July 1782 by Benj^a Ellis M. Master

FRIDAY THE 14th NOVEM^r 1783—The Com^{tee} of Safety being met, the State Notes, Certificates & State money then in the hands of the Com^{tee} for settling the late Treasurers Accounts were burnt in the presence of the Com^{tee} of Safety agreeably to a Vote of Court of the 8 Nov^r 1783

Pursuant to a Vote of Court of 7th Nov^r 1783 empowering this Com^{tee} to appoint a suitable person or persons on behalf of this State to assist M^r Gorham Commissioner on behalf of the united State in the Settlement of public Accounts, desired Joseph Pearson to attend said business as opportunity shall offer untill further Order.

Ordered that the Proclamation from Congress for a general Thanksgiving on the second Thursday of December next be printed and sent to the several worshipping Assemblies in this State.

SATURDAY 15th NOV^r 1783—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Nicholas Nicholle five pounds two shillings & six pence—Time and Expences &c for Carriage of public papers to Concord

Ordered the Treas^r to pay John Calfe Esq^r thirteen shillings & six pence for paper for the use of said State.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21st 1783. Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Town of Chester Eight pounds six shillings & eight pence—travel money paid to Ten Soldiers in Capt Boyes Compa in the year 1781

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21, 1783.—Ordered an Advertisement to be printed in hand Bills also in Gazettee for Sale of Excise—Conditions of Sale and by whom to be sold—See page 14. &c &c

THURSDAY DECEMBER 4th 1783—The Committee of Safety to whom was referred the Settlement of the Staff Roll of Col^o Jacob Gale whose Regiment was raised & joined the Continental Army on Rhode Island in August 1778 Agree & Order,

That said Roll be reduced agreeably to the Scale of Depreciation and interest allow'd thereon from the time of the date of s^d Roll which is Nov^r 4—1778 to the fourth day of December 1783 and that Orders issue for the payment thereof as usual

SATURDAY DEC^r 6th 1783.—Settled and allowed the Account of Capt Josiah Gilman for settling Depreciation, examining Acco^{ts} &c &c to Dec^r 6th amounting to One Hundred & nineteen pounds twelve shillings & ten pence and an Order was granted for Ninety four pounds twelve shillings & ten pence being the bal^{ce} due

FRIDAY JANUARY 9th 1784—Took under consideration sundry matters referred to them by the General Court.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Accompt of Cap^t Samuel Cherry amounting to fifty shillings time & expences taking up W^m Vance a refugee

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Benj^a Bigelow Twenty six pounds eight shillings & ten pence half penny for sundries supplid the Troops at Piscat^a Harbor

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Benj^a Bigelow thirty pounds for which he is to be accountable

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Acco^t of Nicholas Nicolle amounting to three pounds fifteen shillings for time, Expences &c for transporting public papers from Exeter to Concord & back again

FRIDAY JANUARY 16th 1784 Ordered the Treasurer to credit the Town of Rochester for one Daniel Sargent a Soldier by them procured (who was claimed by Dover) the Town of Dover having relinquished their Claim to the s^d Sargent which is certified by the Selectmen of s^d Dover.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Account of Silas Gill an Invalid amounting to Sixty nine pounds sixteen shilling & eleven pence—Sundry Doctors bills &c &c

SATURDAY JAN^y 17th 1784 Settled & adjusted the Acco^{ts} of Jonathan Blanchard Esq one of a Com^{tee} for prosecuting Counterfeitors of Money, and it appears that there is a Balance due to the State amounting to forty two shillings and four pence as p^d Acco^t on file: Also settled the Acco^t of Col^o Nathaniel Peabody one of said Committee and Ordered the Treasurer to pay said Peabody One Hundred & ten pounds five shillings, Balance due to said Peabody as appears by his Acco^t on file

FRIDAY JANUARY 23^d 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Maj^r Joseph Bass One Hundred & forty five pounds eight shillings & six pence being the balance of his Account as Clothier & Commissary in 1780.

FRIDAY JAN^y 30th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay M^r John White Nine pounds seventeen shillings & nine pence balance in full of his Acco^t for receiving Rnm &c &c

The Com^{tee} took into consideration the Settlement of Col^o Bedels Acco^t adjourn'd till tomorrow

SATURDAY JANUARY 31—1784—Settled the Account of Col^o Timothy Bedel and Ordered the Treas^r to pay said Bedel the Sum of two hundred and nineteen pounds seventeen shillings & ten pence being the balance due on said Accounts

THURSDAY—FEBRUARY 12th 1784.—Ordered the Treas^r pursuant to an Act of this State of the 21st of March 1783, Issue a Note carrying Interest from the first day of Feb^y 1780 in favor of Joseph Blanchard Esq for the sum of £65 12 9 being so much due to him from the Estate of Edw^d Goldstone Lutwyche as certified by the Judge of Probate for the County of Hillsborough

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 13th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Thomas Bickford thirty pounds as Commissary of Issues and for which he is to be accountable

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 20th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Sam^l Folsom Six pounds eleven shillings—Expences at the Sale of Excise in January 1784—

In pursuance of the sixth Article of the definitive Treaty of Peace & friendship between the United States of America and his Britannic Majesty now ratified by Congress, Directed the Goal keeper to liberate one William Vance, who upon complaint was committed to Goal as an Absentee from Londonderry in said State and who in the time of the late War with Great Britain went over to, & joined the Enemies of the united States of America and hath since returned to said Londonderry without leave first had and obtained from the Gen^l Assembly of this State contrary to an Express law of s^d State passed the 16th 1778—And that the s^d William Vance is hereby permitted to depart from this State he paying all Expences which may have arisen by his said confinement in Goal

THURSDAY FEB^y 26—1784—Col^o Geo. Reid returned a blank Brevett for an ensign dated 30—march 1781

FRIDAY FEB^y 27th 1784 directed the Treasurer to receive of Col^o Moses Kelly the money which he hath on hand on account of the Rum Executions issued by Col^o Joshua Wentworth and for which you will please to receipt for accordingly

The Hon^b Josiah Bartlett Esq^r as Chairmⁿ of Com^{tee} of Safety certified that Col^o Moses Kelley has paid into the Treasury of this State the Sum of Thirty one pounds four shillings in Specie on Account of Executions issued by Col^o Joshua Wentworth for deficiencies of Rum as ^h receipt signed Nath Gilman in behalf of John Taylor Gilman Esq Treas^r and which receipt is lodged with the Comptroller of Acco^{ts}

Ordered the Treasurer to pay L^t Joseph Boynton five pound six shillings and six pence being the balance of his Acco^t for time and Expences in inlisting and forwarding Recruits to the Army

State of New Hampshire

In Committee of Safety Exeter March 6th 1784

To Major Morril,

Sir—

In settling with the New Hampshire line for their deficiencies of cloathing

You are desired to make stoppages for such cloathing as they have received of this State to be certified to you by the Board of war of this State—

by Order of Com^{ee}—

Copy

Josiah Bartlett Chairman

FRIDAY MARCH 12th 1748—Exam^d and allowed the pay Roll of Lieut Meshech Bell amounting to One Hundred and five pounds sixteen shillings and ordered payment to be made by discount out of the State Taxes.

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Col^o Samuel Hubbard fifty pounds towards his Account for making powder and for which he is to be accountable

Orderd the Treas^r to issue Notes in favor of John Lander for twelve pounds Extra wages in lieu of State Bounty for 12 months Service in 1782 Also another note for ten pounds two shillings for 10 months & 3 days Service in 1783.

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Maj^r Jeremiah Fogg One Hundred & two pounds nine shillings and seven pence—Extra pay as Aid d Camp to Gen^l Poor from the 2 July 1779 to Sept 8th 1780

THURSDAY MARCH 18th 1784 met and

Ordered, the Treasurer to pay Simeon Ladd (Goal-keeper) Twelve Pounds on Account of keeping State Prisoners, for which he is to Account

FRIDAY MARCH 19th—1784—Examined the Return of the several Towns in this State relative to the Number of Inhabitants &c

THURSDAY MARCH 25th 1784 Recd a Letter from John Langdon Esq & Others Merchants at Portsmouth for the Answer See page 18—Copy of Lett^{rs} & Instructions &c

APRIL 7th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Town of Boscawen four pounds six shillings & eight pence travel money paid to Joseph Hoit, Jeremiah Carter, Nathan Carter, & Daniel Shepard, to Springfield in 1781

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Parish of Hampton falls for Supplies to the families of Soldiers in the N. H. Line from 1st Jan^y 1780 to 1st Jan^y 1783 agreeable to an Act of Court, the Sum of One Hundred & eight pounds three shillings and six pence

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Beza Woodward Esq Seventy one pounds three shillings & eleven pence being the Balance due to Lt James Goulds Account for Doctors Bill

Ordered the Treas^r to receive from John Hubbard Esq Three Hundred & One Dollars of the New Emission on Account of Col^o Sam^l Hunt which is part of the money which he receivd of the Treasurer for driving Beef Cattle

8 APRIL 1784 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the Taxes to the Selectmen of Charlestown Sixty four pounds Twelve shillings & five pence Supplies to Soldiers families from Jan^y 1st 1780 to 1st Jan^y 1783

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Selectmen of Bow nineteen pounds four shillings—for Beef Supplyd Capt Ebenezer Frye in 1782

9 APRIL 1784 Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of Haverhill the Sum of One Hundred & Sixty three pounds seventeen shillings in full for beef supplyd in the year 1781

EXETER APRIL 9 1784—Received a Receipt in the following words viz^t

Boston November 20th 1781

Received of y^e State of New Hampshire by the Hands of Col^o Samuel Hunt Store keeper at Charlestown N^o 4—Three Thousand six hundred & ninety nine Dollars and twenty six fortieths of a Dollar of the new Emission for the use of the Quarter Masters Department

Jabez Hatch D. Q. M.

3699 26/40 Dollars New Emission Also another Receipt viz

Treasury Office }

New Hampshire }

Exeter April 9th 1784

Received of Col^o Samuel Hunt (& John Hubbard Esq) Ninety pounds six shillings in New Emission for which Sum I am Accountable to the State £90 6

J. T. Gilman Treas^r

For which receipts the s^d Col^o Samuel Hunt is to have credit for, in his settlement with s^d State

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Tax for the year eighty Two to Capt Tim^o Barron Constable of Haverhill forty nine pounds eleven shillings & one penny for supplying Beef in 1782 as & Col^o Johnstons Receipt

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes To the Selectmen of Haverhill viz^t Col^o Charles Johnhtson & M^r James Woodward who were Selectmen for that year the Sum of One hundred & Sixty three pounds seventeen shillings being for Beef supplied in 1781

MONDAY APRIL 19th 1784—Ordered the Treasurer to pay Joshua Young Issuing Coms^y Twenty pounds towards his Account & for which he is to be accountable

APRIL 20th 1784—Informed Col^o Joseph Cilley by Letter that Major James Carr has settled his Account with the State respecting the payment of paper money to sundry Officers & Soldiers and has Accounted for 10,800 Dollars which he receivd from s^d Cilley and on his discharging s^d Carr from the same, it will be allowed out of the money which sd Cilley received from Gen^l Poor without deducting any thing for Depreciation

Ordered the Treasurer to pay Major James Carr forty pounds four shillings—balance of his Account settled this day

Ordered the Threas^r to pay John Calfe Esq seven pounds six shillings and nine pence for recording the Journals of the House of Representatives to Dec^r 1782

Ordered the Treasurer to receive of the Board of War four Thousand Two Hundred & Seventy Two Dollars in bills of the New Emission which Bills it appears were receivd by y^e Board of War but not expended for which Sum he is to be accountable

The Treasurers Receipt for the above Sum of four Thousand Two Hundred & Seventy two Dollars was received by the hands of Joseph Gilman Esq

APRIL 20th 1784. In pursuance of a Vote of Court of the 16th of April 1784 The Committee of Safety received of the Treasurer the Sum of One Hundred & Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred & twenty four Dollars in Bills of the new Emission which Sum was receipted for by said Committee, and also saw the same consumed with fire in the presence of the Treasurer who was appointed by Congress to endorse the s^d Bills

FRIDAY MAY 14th 1784—To Col^o Joseph Cilley—Pay by discount with Lieut James Blanchard Four Thousand Continental Dollars of the Old Emission and the same shall be discounted on the Receipt give by you to the late Brigadier General Enoch Poor dated Feb^y 12th 1782 for the Purpose of paying Bounties to Soldiers who should engage to serve during the War, the above sum shall be allowd you without Depreciation

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Deacⁿ Isaac Williams Three pounds for which he is to be accountable as Issuing Commissary

Wrote to Gen^l Sullivan in answer to his of the 11th May 1784 See page—Copy of Lett^{rs} &c

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Nicholas Nicolle forty shillings—for his time & Expences & horse &c on sundry Expresses

Ordered the Treas^r to pay by discount out of the State Taxes to the Selectmen of Springfield Twenty four shillings for travel money p^d Mark Bachelder to Springfield in 1781

TUESDAY MAY 18th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Hon^{bl} Francis Blood Esq Twelve pounds one shilling & two pence Balance due of his Acco^t for collecting Beef Cattle &c &c as per Acco^t

Ordered the Treasurer to pay the Roll for the Presid^t & the Hon^{ble} Council with their Secretary for travel Expences & Attendance for examining the Returns for Senators agreeably to the New Constitution amounting to fourteen pounds eighteen shillings & eight pence

MAY 20th 1784—Ordered the Treas^r to pay Isaac Tucker of Raymond for Nursing & Doct^{rs} Bill—the Sum of four pounds in full of his Acco^t as on file

FRIDAY MAY 20th 1784—Ordered the Treasurer to pay John Calfe Esq—Seventeen pounds thirteen shillings & nine pence for recording the proceedings of the General Assembly to Dec^r 1783—Also to pay Joseph Pearson forty six shillings & nine pence half penny—Money advanced for the use of said State—as per Acco^t

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Gilman Esq^r Nineteen pounds Eleven shillings, for use of a Room Furniture, Wood &c &c to the 31 May 1784

FRIDAY MAY 28th 1784—His Hon^r the President being absent, the Hon^{ble} John Dudley Esq^r was appointed Chairman of Committee Safety

Directed the Treas^r to receive of Col^o Samuel Folsom Sixty four £5 Notes date 7 Ap^l 1778 amounting to £320 and 33. Ten pound Notes dated April 7th 1778 Amo^t £330: Also Two State Notes, One (N^o 3128) dated July 31 1782 for fifty pounds, and the other (N^o 3454) dated July 31st 1782 for Twenty pounds ten shillings giving him a Receipt for the same

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Col^o Sam^l Folsom Seven pounds seven shillings & seven pence the bal^{ce} of his Acco^t beginning Jan^y 1779 to April 1783

SATURDAY MAY 29th 1784 Ordered the Treas^r to pay Cap^t Eliph- alet Giddinge Three Hundred & twenty nine pounds seventeen shillings & two pence Bal^{ce} of his Account as Collector of Beef Cat- tle in 1780, 1781, 1782

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Simeon Ladd Goal-keeper Three pounds sixteen shillings & six pence—Bal^{ce} of his Acco^t for board- ing Jn^o Stinson

Ordered the Treas^r to pay Joseph Pearson Seventy nine pounds Ten shillings in full of his Acco^t for extra Services from June 1783 to June 1784

Ordered the Board of War to pay Capt Josiah Gilman eight pounds Also Ordered the Treas^r to pay said Gilman Sixty two pounds thir- teen shillings & six pence Amount of his Acco^t from Dec^r 6th 1783 to May 29th 1784

Ordered the Treas^r to pay the Hon^{ble} Joseph Gilman Esq Seventy one pounds four shillings Ballance of his Acco^t for use of a Room for Com^{tee} of Claims &c &c from Dec^r 1776 to May 1784

We the Subscribers do respectively acknowledge to have received out of the Secretary's Office as Many Blank Military Commissions as Set against our respective names—which we promise to return again, or make a proper return of the names of the persons to whom the Said Commissions may be made out with their respective grades to the President of the State by the 17th of May next—

Francis Blood twenty five Blanks & 25 more

27 Coms returned by F. B. Esq

Moses Chase Thirty Two—4 returned

John Calef twenty Six

Tho^s Bartlet 32

Œ Order Jude Bean forty one & forty five

David Webster 33 John McCleary forty four

Moses Chase—Seventy five

Eliphalet Giddinge Forty

Jacob Smith Forty Eight

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A D 1784

The Honble Meshech Weare Esq.
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